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DANNY SCHER sits in his home amphitheater, called Coventry Grove. With the final touches of grass and other shrubs to be put in, the theater will be complete for a planned Parkinson's Disease benefit with Louie Bellson and the Cal State Hayward Big Band on May 20.

Backyard concert plan stirs up controversy

■ Some Kensington neighbors are trying to stop the charity event at Danny Scher's home amphitheater

By Kate Darby Rauch
STAFF WRITER

KENSINGTON — Most houses have a back yard of sorts: a few trees or shrubs and a patio space for summer gatherings. Danny Scher has all that and something more. Outside his large Kensington home, nestled on a wooded slope facing San Francisco Bay, Scher has a backyard amphitheater that seats about 250 people.

A former bigwig with Bill Graham Productions, Scher, 49, said the theater called out to him when he was house hunting 14 years ago. He wasn't sure then what he would do with the space,

but it stirred his creative juices. Today those stirrings have evolved into a concrete plan to use the serene setting for benefit concerts for his favorite charities.

But that's not all it's stirred up.

Neighbors in the quiet residential community have balked at Scher's intentions, and officials now are scurrying to double-check whether the plan is legal.

Scher expects to hold the first concert May 20, kicking off what he hopes will be regular private benefits featuring well-known musicians. That concert, to benefit the Parkinson's Institute, will feature drummer Louie Bellson, who played with Duke Ellington and Count Basie, among others, and the Cal State Hayward Big Band.

Scher said he chose the Parkinson's Institute as his first

benefit recipient for "personal reasons." Bellson, 76, has the disease.

In preparation, Scher, who now owns his own production company, has begun renovating the amphitheater — rebuilding seats and pathways and adding ground lighting.

Some neighbors embrace the plan as garden parties for a cause. But numerous others do not. The causes may be good, they say, but the events sound too big for the quiet area.

"The biggest concern is really philosophical — do we live in a residential neighborhood or don't we?" said George Kwei, a next-door neighbor who opposes Scher's concert idea.

"Initially we were quite supportive because we wanted to be good neighbors; now the whole project has spread to triple the size. It's much bigger than we originally thought it would be.

They're turning it into a very public neighborhood," Kwei said.

More than 40 residents, including Kwei, signed a petition strongly opposing "the operation of the amphitheater" and presented it to the Kensington Municipal Advisory Council, a local governing board that acts as a liaison with the county for the unincorporated community of about 5,000.

Parking congestion and noise are the residents' main concerns.

Kwei said he was drawn to the seclusion and tranquility of his narrow road when he bought his house two years ago. "Now it looks like we'll have people right up to the house."

Scher, who is working with county and local officials on approvals for his plan, characterizes the concerts as private soirees, a vehicle for him to do

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Albany teacher talks collapse

■ Sides will now submit to a fact-finding process

By Clare Curley
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Talks between the Albany Teachers Union and the school district broke down Tuesday over a plan to bring teacher salaries up to the Contra Costa and Alameda counties' average over the next three years.

Negotiations have been turned over to the fact-finding process, in which the district's financial position and the union's demands will be investigated, and a settlement recommended by a state mediator.

Both sides say they are interested in trying to reach an agree-

ment through the six- to eight-week process.

A panel of three people, one chosen by the district, one by the union, and a third by the state, will combine efforts in the investigation. If Albany teachers reject the proposal, they will be authorized to vote for a strike.

According to Mike Lenahan, the Alameda County schools associate superintendent of business, fact-finding is unlikely to bring out any new information. Among other possibilities, the process could result in directing the union to accept the board's latest best offer.

Though impossible to guess the outcome, there may be cause for

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Panel recommends charter change

■ If the City Council approves, voters will decide whether to make the police chief post appointed rather than elected

By Dave Greer
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — An effort to make the police chief's job appointive rather than elective has passed its first hurdle. After two sparsely attended public meetings, the Albany Charter Review Committee voted to recommend to the City Council that the City Charter be changed to make the position of police chief appointive by the City Council.

All charter changes must be voted on by the electorate. If it accepts the committee's recommendation, the council could place the matter on the ballot in this November's election. The committee will report to the council at its regular 8 p.m. on

June 4 in Albany City Hall.

Incumbent Police Chief Larry Murdo's decision not to seek reelection in November of 2002 is widely believed to have triggered another attempt to change the manner in which a chief gets his job. Murdo is in his fourth four-year term and has run unopposed the last three times.

The last of four efforts to make the chief's position appointive rather than elective was defeated 3,719 to 2,228 in 1996.

Public input on the matter was taken by the Charter Review Committee at a two-hour, midday meeting Saturday, March 14, and at an evening meeting the following Tuesday. Among those addressing the committee were six former mayors and five members of the Albany Police Department.

About 15 people attended the Saturday meeting in the Albany Community Center. Of those who expressed an opinion to the com-

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Regency ends leases of some shops

■ Other stores have been offered spots in a soon-to-be-renovated center, but at much higher rents

By Kate Darby Rauch
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — El Cerrito Plaza owners have ended the rental agreements with many of their longtime tenants, telling the stores they must close by the end of this month or next.

Shop owners — many of whom run mom-and-pop-type businesses — speculate that the changes are being made to make way for new, larger merchants. The shopping center is undergoing a major renovation, with a host of new businesses slated to open next fall.

Regency Realty, the majority Plaza owner, would not comment on the changes. Tom Engberg, a Regency vice president, said the company is "consolidating," but would not elaborate, citing com-

pany policy against discussing lease deals before they are completed.

"It often feels like we're withholding, when it's simply a policy we have to abide by," Engberg said.

During the past few months, the national real estate company has asked at least half a dozen stores to leave. Most are tenants in the building west of Albertsons grocery store.

Some store owners have been offered new spots at the renovated Plaza, but at rents significantly higher than what they pay now, and more than many can afford. That option also means businesses must be able to remain closed for six months until renovations are finished.

Waldenbooks, the Plaza Barbershop, Beadazzled jewelry store and Larry Parks Ltd. hair salon are among the merchants that will close or move out of the Plaza in the coming weeks.

Others, including Betty's Hallmark, will close next month and re-open in the fall at a new location in the rebuilt center.

Some owners say the changes are simply the normal style of corporate business and that Regency is doing what it takes to build a successful shopping center.

Others complain the real estate giant has not communicated well with Plaza tenants, keeping them in the dark about plans and making last-minute announce-

ments.

"I think it was a rotten deal. Communication was lousy," said Joel Lyon, owner of the Plaza Barbershop, which has been at the center for 43 years and will close next week.

Regency told Lyon it needed his space and offered him a new site at a substantial rent increase, he said.

"It was over 100 percent more than my current lease," he said.

Lyon, 75, decided to hang up his scissors and retire, something he has been wanting to do for a long time anyway.

At Larry Parks salon next door, owner Parks said he has no complaints about negotiations with Regency.

"They have not been unfair to me in any way, shape or form," said Parks, who has been at the Plaza for 10 years.

Regency bought out his lease and he will be moving to Fairmount Avenue in El Cerrito, next to the shop where he launched his business 35 years ago.

Parks does not anticipate the move will hurt him since most of his business is repeat customers who will follow him to the new store.

Patrick Montoya, owner of Plaza Beauty Supplies, said the stores on either side of him have lost their leases and that Regency said it wants to meet with him next week.

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Ocean View inaugurates native garden

By Clare Curley
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Ocean View Elementary School had twice the reason to celebrate Earth Day this week. A native plant garden, formerly on city property, was officially moved to a central location at the school for kids to make it their own.

The students gathered in a sunny courtyard outside Wednesday, toting signs depicting various foliage, so that a member from each class could tell the others what they had planted in the gar-

den and its purpose. One sign read, "Flannel Bush — attracts native bees." Students sang songs to celebrate their surroundings, as well as to promote good treatment of the environment.

"Mother Earth will make you strong if you give her love and care," sang one class.

Originally occupying a plot of land near the Middle School tennis courts, the native garden was moved this year to a space in front of the school library.

"Otherwise, we were going to have to spend a lot of money (on

maintaining it)," explained fifth grade teacher Bridget Priest.

Now, each class has a plot on which to plant its flower of choice. Priest's students made their own planter boxes and opted for tomatoes and basil, while the other fifth grade class planted lavender. As part of the science curriculum, all of the students work on their plants in the native garden and keep journals on their progress.

At the ceremony, special education aid Maggie Owens ad-

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Plenty of Earth Day projects to dig into

EL CERRITO — Add the local library branch to the list of public places seeking volunteers to help out at Saturday's annual Earth Day celebration/work party.

The El Cerrito Library will kick-off the next phase of its landscaping project that day, working toward its goal of establishing a garden of native vegetation.

Library officials, in fact, say volunteer participation is welcome during all phases of the project, which is expected to continue through the coming year.

Saturday's effort will be to remove existing vegetation (ivy.)

To register, call 526-7512 or sign up at the library.

Volunteers should wear old clothing and sturdy shoes and bring work gloves. Shovels would also be helpful.

Public areas all around the city, almost 40 locations in all, will be going native at the 32nd observance, which adds an emphasis on planting native vegetation along with the annual city-wide cleanup theme.

A native planting workshop will be held at the Community Center, where Noah Booker of Shelterbelt Builders will be on-hand to offer advice answer questions. Also available will be

a two-page handout compiled by Louise Lacey of the Native Plant Society (the information is also available online at www.growingnative.com).

Work parties start at 8:30 a.m. at locations around the city and continue until noon.

For their trouble, along with a city more in harmony with its surroundings, volunteers will be given a free barbecue lunch at the Community Center.

To volunteer, contact Janet Ableton at 510-525-7709 or earthday@ci-el-cerrito.ca.us. Or simply show up at the Community Center at 8:30 a.m. to find out which sites can use a helping hand.

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WORTH CHECKING OUT

Scoops for Schools

The Albany Education Foundation invites family, friends and neighbors to its annual ice cream social, Scoops for Schools, on Sunday, April 29, from 1-4 p.m. at the Albany Community Center, 1217 Marin Ave. This enjoyable afternoon of music, art and ice cream is AEF's opportunity to thank our donors, volunteers, and grant recipients for all of the wonderful support we receive during the year.

Swing dance, dinner

The Albany Scroptimist and Rotary Clubs are sponsoring a swing dance and dinner extravaganza from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on April 28 at the Veterans Memorial Building, 1325 Portland Ave. in Albany. The event will feature a full course dinner and drinks, live big band music, dance lessons, raffle and silent auction. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for seniors and children, \$60 for a four-ticket family package. All proceeds from the event are used to fund Scroptimist and Rotary community service projects. For more information call Kathy Lee at 524-6308, drop by and purchase tickets at the Albany Adult School, 601 San Gabriel Ave., at Brighton, or contact a friend who is an Albany Scroptimist or Rotarian.

CCCT volunteers

Carpentry/construction volunteers turn raw materials into beautiful sets at Contra Costa Civic Theatre in El Cerrito.

rito. The theater is recruiting Set Construction Directors for one or more shows per year. These volunteers need some construction or home building experience, can read and explain design plans, etc. Also needed are Set Construction Workers with basic home repair skills and a willingness to work as part of an enthusiastic team. Times are flexible. Leave a message for Theater Administrator Beth Cohen at 510-524-6654.

Preschool stories, films

The Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., will present a new series of stories and films for preschoolers (ages 3-5), at 11 a.m. on Saturday mornings through June 2.

Relay For Life

Walkers and runners will go around the clock in the battle against cancer during the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. Beginning on June 2 at 10 a.m., and ending 24 hours later on Sunday, June 3, at 10 a.m., teams of eight-15 people will gather at El Cerrito High School, 540 Ashbury Ave. Relay For Life is a family-oriented team event where participants can walk or run relay-style around the track and take part in fun activities when it's not their turn. The public is invited to attend the luncheon ceremony, which will take place that Saturday at 8:26 p.m. The track is surrounded with luminarias, as participants remember loved-ones

who were lost to cancer and honor survivors. Luminarias can be purchased for a donation by calling Cynthia Shane-Smith at 925-934-7640 or by e-mailing cynthia.shane-smith@cancer.org. Registration forms and information about the Albany-Berkeley-El Cerrito Relay For Life can also be obtained from Cynthia Shane-Smith, local chairperson Janice Jordan at 525-2608, or by calling the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

ABGSL golf scramble

The Albany Berkeley Girls Softball League hosts its first Softball Scramble Golf Tournament on Friday, May 11 at Tilden Park Golf Course to raise funds to develop a softball field at Longfellow School in Berkeley. Serving over 200 girls each season for 19 years, ABGSL is an all-volunteer league that organizes softball teams open to all girls in 1st through 9th grade. The League emphasizes sound skill development, fun, and participation for every player, regardless of skill or previous experience. ABGSL is requesting \$100 for a hole sponsorship. Smaller cash donations, which can be designated to purchase items for the raffle, are also welcome. Participation in the tournament costs \$125 per person and includes green fees, cart, box lunch, barbecue dinner, and raffle prizes. Details: 510-525-0199.

POLICE REPORTS

Man makes off with \$300, car wax

EL CERRITO — The evening of April 17, a man simulating a handgun stole about \$300 in cash and two cans of car wax from Krugen Auto Parts on 9989 San Pablo Ave., according to a police report.

Employees told police he entered the store around 7 p.m., left, and then returned several times, first asking for car wax and then to use the bathroom. When he demanded that a cashier open the register and give him all the money, the employee started to laugh, thinking it was a prank. The robber reportedly said, "Stop laughing, it's serious." The cashier then gave him the money and cans in a white plastic Krugen bag. The man was last seen running west-bound through the parking lot.

■ A transient was arrested Monday afternoon for allegedly stealing a U-Haul truck on the 3200 block of Santa Clara Avenue. He was nabbed after a man who had rented the truck left it running while he picked up his friend. Officer Jerry Shaman followed the suspect north on San Mateo Avenue and east on Sutter Avenue, making the arrest at 12:45 p.m.

■ Around 3:30 a.m. on April 7,

a 40-year-old San Francisco man was given a DUI after he was stopped for allegedly driving 55 miles per hour at San Pablo and Potrero avenues in a 35 mph zone.

An hour earlier, a 26-year-old man was arrested for driving drunk near San Pablo Avenue and Mooser Lane. In addition, three other men, 44, 26 and 30, were issued DUIs last week.

■ The night of April 10, a young man was arrested after he was found driving a blue Toyota Camry that was reported stolen earlier this month. The suspect fled on foot on the 11600 block of San Pablo, but was found after reporting officers three passengers in the car. The car was returned to its owner in Vallejo.

■ A 14-year-old El Cerrito girl told police that her father slapped her after she dumped a plate of food on him during an argument. No arrest has been made.

■ The night of April 10, about \$50 worth of tools were allegedly stolen from a Honda Accord on the 8500 block of Donal Avenue.

■ A 20-year-old man was arrested after attempting to cash a stolen check at California Check

Cashing at 10394 San Pablo Ave. the afternoon of April 11.

■ Between 6:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on April 11, nearly \$6,000 worth of property was stolen from a home on the 1600 block of Lexington Avenue. The same day, a barbecue grill was allegedly stolen from another nearby residence, but police have not determined if the two incidents were related.

■ An 18-year-old woman was arrested last week after being caught stealing a printer cartidge from the Target Store on San Pablo Ave.

■ Two Richmond women, ages 30 and 36, were arrested on April 14 after a methamphetamine sale was allegedly found in their car during a traffic stop. Officer Jose Barreto said he stopped the women around 6:45 a.m. for failing to stop at a stop sign at Arlington Boulevard and Barrett Avenue. Neither suspect was carrying identification, and a check revealed that the driver was driving on a suspended license. A search of the car was later conducted before it was impounded, revealing a disassembled lab, partially possessed meth and some stolen mail.

Pair robs Solano Avenue merchant

By K. Osborn

CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — At about 6 p.m. on April 15, the owner of a business on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue reported that he had just been robbed as he was counting money in his back office by two men. He told officers the two thieves shoved him, threatened to shoot him, and demanded money. One of the thieves stuffed the money into his jacket and they both fled the building going south on Peralta Avenue.

■ At about 2 a.m. on April 16, officers stopped a black '87 Toyota Camry on the 700 block of Stannage Avenue for speeding and driving erratically. The driver, a 21-year-old Albany man, was found to be intoxicated and was arrested.

■ On the evening of April 16, officers responded to the 600 block of Neilson Street on reports of juveniles with paint guns shooting at cars and houses. Officers located three boys in possession of sling shots and paint pellets that had splattered on a car and porch. The sling shots and paint pellets were confiscated, and the boys were admonished regarding their actions.

■ At about 12:30 p.m. on April 17, officers responded to a restaurant on the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of someone

causing a disturbance. Officers contacted the 33-year-old Richmond man and arrested him for vandalism, battery and assault with a deadly weapon.

■ On the afternoon of April 18, officers investigating a report of an abandoned car located a green '93 Saturn on the 900 block of Pierce Street reported as stolen from Richmond.

■ Shortly after midnight on April 19, officers stopped a white '89 Dodge Caravan for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 48-year-old Albany man, was found to have an outstanding warrant from Contra Costa County for drunk driving and was arrested.

■ At about 1 a.m. on April 19, a resident on the 900 block of Castro Street reported that thieves had stolen her gold '89 Honda Accord.

■ At 11:15 p.m. on April 20, a resident at 535 Pierce Street reported that vandals in a dark colored '70s model car had thrown eggs at her house.

■ At about midnight on April 21, an employee at Albany Bowl on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that a girl had just stolen cookies. Officers arrested the 17-year-old Oakland girl for petty theft and interfering with a business serving customers.

■ At about 1:30 a.m. on April 21, officers stopped a white '98 Oldsmobile Cutlass for erratic driving. The driver, a 58-year-old Illinois man, was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested.

■ At 11:30 p.m. on April 21, officers stopped a tan colored Mercury four-door for erratic driving. The driver, a 33-year-old Richmond woman, was found to be intoxicated and was arrested.

During the week of April 18, officers towed four vehicles, responded to nine false alarms, attended to eight lost or deceased animals, assisted five people locked out of their house or car and responded to two reports of barking dogs.

Focus on Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay

ROXANNE WILEY
Albany Chamber

Our newest member deals with a problem disease that can or does affect all of us at some time or another. Currently a family member of mine is suffering a form of dementia. It is a sad, debilitating disease that takes its toll on both the caregivers and the participant.

Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay (ASEB) provides two day-care centers for people with some form of dementia. The centers provide for the participant a daily program that is safe and enjoyable providing meals, exercise, health monitoring, and activities. The very capable staff, full time social workers Michael Pope and Patricia Wilson, also provides workshops for anyone who may need direction dealing with the ramifications of this disease. The next one is Thursday, May 17.

I visited the Berkeley center (the other one is in Hayward), and was very impressed with the activities there. The center offers transportation for the participant to and from, and from the moment the participants enter, there is a plethora of activities run by Sammy Hassan, program specialist, that help keep them active and physically involved. Some folks come daily and others one or two days a week, offering a respite for the caregiver. There is one staff member to every five participants.

One activity for the participants is art. You would be truly amazed at the artwork produced by these people. And to that end, the ASEB hosts a huge fundraiser and auctions these lovely pieces. Framers volunteer to frame these gems, and the result is truly wonderful.

The big event is scheduled for Thursday, May 3, from 7 to 9:30 p.m., hosted by none other than Dennis Richmond of KTVU, Channel 2 fame with honored



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SOCIAL WORKERS Michael Pope and Patricia Wilson of Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay.

guest Senator Don Perata. The auction provides some of the funding necessary to operate. As you well may imagine, fund-raising is an on-going necessity.

Do put this event on your calendar, bring your checkbook, and enjoy the live and silent auctions, music, wine and hors d'oeuvres. The center is located at 2320 Channing Way in Berkeley; parking is available in the lot next door.

If you have any questions, call 510-644-8292.

May is Better Hearing and Speech Month

Rhoda Agin, who specializes in voice, speech and orofacial problems for Communication Associates, reminds us that May is dedicated to the various problems of speech, language and hearing disorders that concern both adults and children.

If you or a loved one suffer from any of these disorders, now is the time to act. For information, call either Dr. Agin at 510-549-1359 or the American

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Samuel Elkind, 81

Samuel Elkind, passed away at his home in El Cerrito on Sunday, April 22. He was 81. A well-known and treasured teacher, educator and theater director, known as Dr. Sam by his students, he first taught drama at El Cerrito High School for 15 years and was a professor of theater arts at San Francisco State University for over 20 years. He will be missed by family, friends, former students, and the theater community.

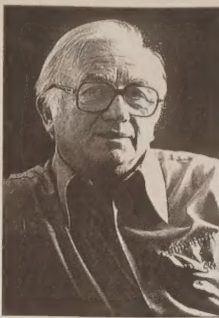
He was born in New York in 1919, and moved with his parents to San Francisco at the age of 2. He attended Lowell High School and San Francisco State University, and served in the U.S. Army stateside and in the Pacific during and after World War II, where he honed his writing and direction skills in the Special Services Unit. During his Army days, Mr. Elkind formed friendships with musicians, writers, artists, and performers that lasted a lifetime.

As a young man he began playing piano and developed a love of music, especially jazz. He played for his pleasure and the enjoyment of others throughout his life. He loved to tell stories and jokes and never minded repeating them.

After brief forays into advertising and broadcasting, he began his teaching career, first at Roosevelt Junior High School in Richmond and then at El Cerrito High, where he directed many extraordinary student productions and built mentoring relationships and friendships which lasted his entire life.

Mr. Elkind received his doctorate from Columbia University in 1963, and began his career as a professor at San Francisco State in 1967. He was a teacher, mentor, and friend to thousands of students. Some of his students participated in theater for only a brief interlude. Others made the performing arts their life's pursuit. As a tribute to his skills as a teacher, many former students who became drama teachers or actors cite his influence as an inspiration. It was a special thrill for him that his three grandchildren shared his enthusiasm for the theater.

His professional leadership positions included serving as president of the California Educational Theater Association; Fel-



low, National Endowment for the Humanities, representative to the United States National Commission for UNESCO; director of the London Summer and Winter Theater Programs; program director of the Summer Program in Theater, Centre for Creative Arts, Athens, Greece, and memberships in the Association of Drama Educators; Commission on Theater Education; American Theater Association, and consultant for the State of California Department of Education Fine Arts and Humanities Commission. His books of scenes for young actors were used in the training of high school theater students nationwide.

He was active in the Jewish community in education, acting as a consultant for the Bureau of Jewish Education, San Francisco, Temple Sinai, Oakland, Temple Sherith Israel and Temple Emanuel, San Francisco; and was an active member of Temple Beth Hillel in Richmond for 50 years.

He is survived by Betty, his wife of 54 years; daughters Susie Elkind and Risa Elkind Nye, son-in-law Bruce Nye, grandchildren Caitlin, Myles and James Nye, all of Oakland; brother and sister-in-law Charles and Rokama Elkind of Manhattan Beach; sister Ruth Passen of San Francisco; and his nephew and nieces and grand-nieces and grand-nephews of California and Hawaii.

Friends are invited to celebrate his life at noon today at Temple Beth Hillel, 801 Park Central, Richmond. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1710 Gilbreth Road, Burlingame, CA 94010 or American Diabetes Association, 1900 Powell St., Suite 285, Emeryville, CA 94608-1897.

Volunteers bring new life to Baxter Creek

By Suzanne Pardington
STAFF WRITER

RICHMOND — Ray, Alex, Sheelie, Michael and Nina swam to freedom in the clear, still water of a newly restored stretch of Baxter Creek on Saturday.

The five tiny tree frogs — raised by second-graders at Stege Elementary School — quickly scattered among the stream's muddy rocks and grassy banks in Booker T. Anderson Jr. Park.

"Mine is gone," said 8-year-old Marquisha Ganley when she lost sight of her frog.

It was a homecoming for the frogs, the first of many environmental and community groups hope to foster by returning urban creeks to their natural state. Often mistaken for ditches, the creeks have been straightened, lined with concrete or buried in storm drains during the past few decades, losing appeal to the animals and plants that once called them home.

As volunteers put the finishing touches on a year-long project to restore the once-neglected section of Baxter Creek on Saturday, the Urban Creek Council plans to take on two more creek projects in West County.

The Berkeley-based nonprofit organization hopes to work with community groups and government agencies to protect and restore Rheem Creek in Richmond

and Pinole Creek, which runs through historic Pinole.

Joe Mariotti, a founder of the fledgling Friends of the Pinole Creek Watershed, said the Creek was routed into a channel in 1965 to prevent flooding.

"It looks like a huge drainage ditch that's overgrown, and that's exactly what it is," he said.

Mariotti, who lives next to the mouth of the creek, said the group wants to make the creek look as natural as possible, with gentle curves and trees growing along its banks. "The creek is a beautiful amenity to our community," he said. "We should preserve it and keep it as natural as we possibly can so we can enjoy it."

In Richmond, the creeks council hopes to ensure Rheem Creek doesn't fall victim to development planned nearby, as creeks often did in growth booms of the 1960s.

"We're trying to stop the bad things before they happen," said Josh Bratt, director of the Urban Creeks Council.

Saturday's event drew about 50 neighbors, volunteers, politicians and city officials to pick up trash, spread mulch and pull weeds along the banks of Baxter Creek. The event capped a year of work, including tearing out the concrete banks, redirecting the water flow into pools and meanders, and planting



VOLUNTEERS CLEAN garbage out of the section of Baxter Creek in Richmond's Booker T. Anderson Jr. Park on Saturday.

about 100 trees and shrubs.

Steger students have helped clean up the creek, plant wildflowers and survey the community on the types of runoff, pollution and garbage that flow into the creek.

The second-graders are raising tree frogs from tadpoles to boost the creek's frog population. The creek was dammed for a frog farm at the end of the 19th century.

The Friends of Baxter Creek, a community group working with the Urban Creeks Council, hopes to restore other sections of the creek as well, from its origins in the springs beneath the

Mira Vista golf course in El Cerrito to the Bay. They hope frogs, fish and insects will thrive in the new habitat and the creek will become a place for family gatherings, community activities and school projects.

Councilwoman Irma Anderson, whose children used to bring home tadpoles from the creek in the 1960s, said she hopes the Stege children will protect the creek as they grow up. "I see it as a part of the plan to revitalize the community," she said. "If it looks and feels beautiful, more people come out and enjoy it."

IN BRIEF

Teen Operator song contest returns

ALBANY — The police department's teen driving program is holding its annual traffic-safety songwriting contest. Middle and high school students statewide are eligible to enter the contest seeking original songs or raps that promote safe driving among teens.

The winner gets \$300, and will have his or her song recorded on a compact disc. Second place wins

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To enter, students should submit a song on a tape cassette and provide the lyrics on a separate piece of paper. Songs must be no longer than three and one half minutes. Background music is not required. Contest entries must be received by May 1.

Send tapes to: Chief Operator Program, Albany Police Department, 1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany, CA 94706. For more information, call the program at 510-528-5701.

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EL CERRITO — Contra Costa Civic Theatre announces open auditions for its summer musical, "West Side Story," at 7 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, May 9-10, at the theater, 951 Pomona Ave. No appointments are necessary and there is no pay.

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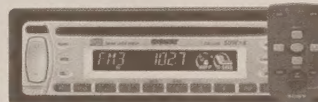
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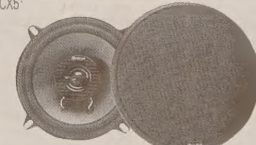
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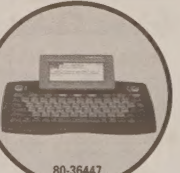
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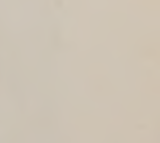
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Opinion

Local artist Tyler Hoare plans unusual exhibit

Tyler Hoare, local artist and master illusionist, will hold an exhibit of his sculptures and collages starting next week in Berkeley. Tyler is best known as the creator of the Red Baron triplane that perched on a post south of the Berkeley Marina and delighted passing motorists for years as Mother Nature slowly shot it down to a monoplane.

Although Tyler's best known works were inspired by other World War I aircraft that appeared to be flying out of the Bay, over the years he created and moored off shore many larger and more elaborate illusions. These included an 18-foot Chinese junk, a Viking long boat, a pirate ship, King Tut's Ship of the Nile, and what appeared to be a 56-foot submarine that surfaced and submerged with the tide.

Unfortunately, the tides, choppy seas, and high winds of San Francisco Bay made the appearances of most of these wondrous creations fairly brief. Tyler's last major illusion came in 1995 when he crafted a flying saucer complete with battery powered flashing lights and an extraterrestrial pilot in the bubble cockpit. Vandals sealed the fate of the UFO as they did many of his other works, something he accepts with good humored resignation.

The new exhibit opens next Thursday, May 3 in The Albatross Pub at 1822 San Pablo Ave. in Berkeley and runs through June 27. While it showcases another aspect of the artist's conception than that displayed in the Bay, some of these works are also assembled from things found on beaches or just about anywhere. Your junk could become part of Tyler's art, particularly if you left it around the waterfront.

Tyler considers himself in the grand tradition of the "ash can school of art," which inspired the "mudflat" artists and their captivating creations on the Emeryville flats. A trained, professional sculptor, he carried these basic concepts to a higher level. All but one of the 33 pieces that will be in the exhibit are smaller than his Bay exhibits since they are designed to live indoors. They are also generally less recognizable as previously existing forms.

The largest piece in the show is one of the life sized "post people" that Tyler displays on old piling off Chevy's Fresh Mex Restaurant in Emeryville. These odd and intriguing figures have been looming out of the Bay fogs for many years. Tyler says there are eight of them out currently, and he plans to add a few more.

The post person going in the show is a female figure well over six feet tall. With the sheen of gold under her bronze exterior and a headdress reminiscent of an Egyptian queen, she seems both regal and seductive. But that may be just the way I experience her; Tyler's works frequently evoke widely differing feelings and impressions.

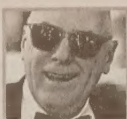
The bearded artist, whose studio is in Albany, likes to recycle parts of his works that go into the Bay and wash up again well weathered. He found the figurehead from his King Tut ship after waves, sand, and wind had further sculpted it. It will be on display with 15 masks made of driftwood.

These works, and the 13 framed, two-dimensional collages, do not shout for our attention. And yet, like all good art, they somehow elicit it. While the novelty of the materials may in some cases explain our original attraction to a work, that soon wears off as we fall under its strange spell. And over time the piece does not fade into the background or become boring as it never fully reveals its inner core.

The Albatross, on San Pablo Avenue near the corner of Hearst Avenue, is open Sunday through Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. and other days from 4:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. It is a friendly pub that exhibits art and has good recorded and live music of various kinds. Patrons also throw darts, shoot pool, and enjoy the free popcorn.

Tyler plans a party with refreshments and live music from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on June 9. This is a rare opportunity to meet the talented and personable man who has brought so much charm and wonder to life in the Bay Area. I'll see you there.

CITY PONDERS PATHOGEN: Street trees are the crowning glory of a city, but only if it plants the right trees. Albany has a long history of planting trees, some



DAVE GREER
Man About Town

that worked out well and some that didn't. Community Development Associate Judy Lieberman is now working hard to make sure that the trees proposed for San Pablo Avenue fall into the crowning glory category.

The City Council recently adopted Phase 1 of a

THIS INTRIGUING, life size sculpture is part of an exhibit by local artist Tyler Hoare opening next week in Berkeley. Lieberman submitted an application for a grant of \$1,928,000 to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Albany will put up \$275,000 in matching funds.

Seventy three trees are planned for San Pablo Avenue at a cost of \$700 each. This includes the price of the tree with most of the cost in installation involving sidewalk work and tree wells.

Given a choice between sycamore trees and Eastern red oaks, the council opted for the latter. Not only do they turn pretty colors, but they would signal an entrance to Albany from Berkeley or El Cerrito where sycamores are planted. And as Albany has many sycamores on Marin Avenue, it would provide visual variety. Variety is also beneficial if one species of tree is afflicted with a disease.

And a mysterious microbe termed Sudden Oak Death phytophthora has struck a variety of oaks in California threatening to wipe out oak woodlands. Species affected include the Shreve's, black, and coast live oaks. Thousands of these trees have died along a 190 mile of the coast between Monterey and Sonoma counties. Although in the same red oak group as these trees, the Eastern red oak tentatively chosen by Albany, has not been reported affected.

However, Matteo Garbelotto, a UC Berkeley forest pathologist, warned that the disease might spread so that "We could eventually have an endless list of hosts." The phytophthora that causes the disease has been around a long time and is the same type as the organism that caused the Irish potato blight and the ongoing infection of Port Orford cedars in the Northwest. It has even been found in wild huckleberry bushes in Marin County and in nursery rhododendron plants in Europe and Santa Cruz County.

Experts fear the pathogen, which moves through soil and rainwater, may spread to related berry plants, madrone, manzanita, and even other trees such as Douglas fir or redwoods. Scientists working on a counter to the wily killer have made some headway, but they have a long way yet to go.

Albany's Judy Lieberman told me she is keeping a close eye on all these developments. The council's selection of the red oaks came with the caveat that there be a careful reassessment of the "appropriateness of the species" in light of the sudden death striking other oaks.

Lieberman says she anticipates going back to the council with a report on this prior to any action being taken. The trees will not be going in until 2003, and the risk, if any, of planting this species should be better known by then. Anybody having new information on this subject may contact her at the Planning Department in City Hall.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Community support brings new chairs to music room

Portola Middle School's music department has had a successful musical chair fund-raising attempt. Over 65 new plastic chairs for the music room have replaced broken and old metal chairs. This successful fundraising event was only made possible by the community members and Portola families.

Wonderful notes with the checks came from community members saying what an influence music in school had been in their lives. The Portola Music Parents' Association would like to publicly thank all the members of the community for their overwhelming support.

Joann Steck-Bayat
Portola Musical Parents Association

Control traffic on Santa Fe Avenue

I am a parent of a Marin School third grader. I live on the Albany Hill and drive my daughter to school at Marin each morning. I am writing to express my extreme concern for the safety of children who walk to school and/or cross at any intersection near Marin Avenue.

The section of Santa Fe Avenue that runs directly in front of Marin School is particularly dangerous and frightening. The traffic congestion and impatience of speeding motorists is totally out of control. Some measures must be taken to slow the traffic and increase motorists' awareness that they are in school zones. It would be a tragic testimony to Albany's casual attitude toward safety if we wait until a child has been hit and killed before action is taken. It will happen, too; the escalating carelessness of drivers, coupled with the school's location at a busy intersection, cannot help but have tragic consequences.

Although as many as three crossing guards are stationed around Marin School, they too are at risk from drivers drinking coffee, talking on phones and speeding around parents dropping off school children in a marked loading zone. These motorists seem totally disconnected from their time and place; they barrel down Santa Fe at 8 a.m. at speeds well in excess of 25 mph, without any apparent awareness that they have entered a school zone. They blare their horns at parents attempting to unload children and stop inches short of crosswalks, glaring at children to hurry up. These people need a reality check, and they need it from the law. It is a school zone.

Speed bumps on Santa Fe are a wonderful idea. They would force drivers to slow down and take notice of their position. Additionally, the school and surrounding area needs much better speed limit signs. When I called the police department to express my concern about renegade, thoughtless motorists roaring down Marin Avenue, the woman who answered

did not even know the speed limit on Marin. Speed limit signs must be posted and they must be visible. Perhaps Marin Avenue needs lighted signs and additional signals at intersections near the schools. It seems an extreme measure, but motorists have simply got to understand that whatever their personal morning urgency is, it cannot be more important than the safety of school children. This is Albany. As a community, we must not tolerate reckless behavior on the road.

I urge the City Council to address this critical issue before it comes to them with a report of a fatality.

Lisa Calef
Albany

Tainted system

We have sent a letter to Assemblywoman Dion Aroner and wish to bring this legislation to the attention of our community.

As Aroner's constituents, we urge her to co-sponsor legislation that would stop wrongful executions and address the problems that exist in the current capital punishment system. In the last Congress, SB 2463, the National Death Penalty Moratorium Act of 2000, was introduced to do just that.

Many facts lead us to believe that the whole system of state-sanctioned executions is tainted and desperately needs to be reassessed, e.g., the relationships between the death penalty and poverty, the death penalty and race, and the death penalty and geography.

We urge the halt to all executions until the inequities are addressed.

William Noel
El Cerrito

This letter was also signed by 29 others who attend Northminster Presbyterian Church in El Cerrito.

Let's put on a show

In the movies, "Let's put on a show" was the answer to many of life's problems.

Today, there are no simple solutions to society's ills. So, what about putting on a show with children? Sign-ups are easy. No one has to be the biggest or the best to perform, build props, create scenery or blend into the chorus. It's not an athletic competition, only for a select few to excel. It's where Tom Cruise, Shawn Colvin, Bette Midler, Patrick Swayze and others say they learned about the real world.

This week, Harriet and Jim Schlader of Oakland's Woodminster Summer Musicals, a member of the National Alliance of Musical Theaters, will be in San Diego to experience how American musical theater can transform children's lives.

There are few distinctly American forms of entertainment, and musical theater is one of them. At each performance, the audience is introduced to characters

and their given circumstances — their situation, where they live, what they dream, and what obstacles they face. Shows such as "Annie" (addressing child abuse and economic hardships), "Guys and Dolls" (gangs) and "Fiddler on the Roof" (immigrants and cultural differences) illustrate the American experience. That's one reason Woodminster Summer Musicals is being challenged to become a mentor and work with local children to enhance your community.

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This neighborhood deserves an A for taking care of bees

They were homeless, they were strange-looking, and some people thought they might be dangerous. But the neighbors took pity on them and took them in anyway. And now they're awfully glad they did.

I'm talking about a swarm of honeybees that landed last Friday on a branch at Halcyon Commons, a small, neighborhood-built park in south Berkeley.

Some folks were apprehensive at first. After all, we've all been brought up to hate and fear little beasts that go bump in the night. (Think of all the movies that have reinforced this fear, from "Them!" to "The Birds.") And bees do sting.

But the neighbors soon realized that far from intending any harm, the bees were actually gentle and non-aggressive. And they were in peril unless somebody came to their aid.

"They were just in the park temporarily while scouting out a good place to build their Queen Bee hive," explains Nancy Carleton, one of the residents in the neighborhood. "Our fear was that they'd pick a site that was inappropriate from the point of view of whoever 'owns' the property, and the owner might call an exterminator to kill them. So we decided to direct them to a yard where they would be truly welcome."

That turned out to be the back yard of 14-year-old Kay Vicinas, a freshman at Berkeley High who is rapidly becoming Fairy Godmother to the bees. With help from friends and neighbors like Carleton (plus a big assist from Leo Thomas, an Oakland beekeeper who provided the expertise), Kay and her dad Bruce quickly built a hive in their yard and moved the swarm into it.

But the next morning brought heartbreak: When Kay went to the back yard to check on her new charges, she found dozens of dead bees lying on the ground around the hive.

"There were bodies everywhere," she says. "I tried to help the ones who were still alive by lifting them up and placing them closer to the hive, but the other bees kept pushing them away. It was so sad."

But it was all part of Nature's plan. It turns out that honeybees have a very short life-span: two or three weeks at the most. What



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Kay saw was perfectly normal.

In fact, the hive is thriving — with a little help from its new human friends. "Caring for them is a bit more labor-intensive than I'd thought," says Kay's dad, Bruce. "For instance, they don't always build the honeycombs properly. They have to be taught."

Taught?

"Yes. If they build the comb crooked, with a bulge, you have to go into the hive and cut out the bulge. Eventually, they learn. But some hives learn faster than others."

Now, this may sound like outrageous anthropomorphism to you, but there's strong scientific evidence to back it up. According to a fascinating article in the Chronicle last week, French researchers have discovered that bees excel at performing cognitive tasks formerly thought to be the exclusive province of humans and apes.

At last report, the bees were settling comfortably into their new home. "They're busy at work building honeycombs," says Kay. "In a few months, we should be getting honey."

But the bees have already given the neighborhood something far more valuable.

"They've changed the whole feeling around here," says neighborhood resident Susan Hunter. "Right away, they brought a sense of harmony and good cheer to the neighborhood. They've taught us that nature's creatures are not something to be feared, even if they look strange at first. We're thrilled and relieved they've found a long-term home in our neighborhood."

By the way, Leo Thomas, the Oakland beekeeper who has so generously been lending the neighbors at Halcyon Commons his expertise, tells me the honey around here hasn't been the same since the Oakland Hills fire.

"Before the fire, I used to get honey in practically all colors of

the spectrum, from champagne to bright red, believe it or not," he says. "Now all I get is pale yellow. It's still good, but I miss the old variety."

Speaking of insects — how's that for a segue? — everyone's favorite cockroach is making a comeback in Point Richmond.

I'm speaking, of course, of the immortal archy, the poetic protagonist of Don Marquis' classic humor tales, "archy and mehitabel." (mehitabel is archy's muse, an alley cat who is "tousjours gai.") Their names are never capitalized because the cockroach archy composes the narrative by diving headfirst onto the typewriter keys, and he can't hold down the shift key at the same time.)

The whole thing was turned into a musical in the 1950s (book by Mel Brooks, yet) starring Eddie Bracken as archy and Eartha Kitt as mehitabel. And that's what's being presented at the Masquers Playhouse in Point Richmond through May 12.

I saw the matinee last Sunday, and it confirms my long-held opinion that there is more underpaid performing talent here in the Bay Area than anywhere else in the world. The entire cast is first-rate. In any other town, they'd be making big bucks, rather than contributing their talents.

I'm not trying to single out the Masquers Playhouse. This unfortunate state of affairs is true at practically every theater company I can think of, including my beloved Lamplighters. What with all the other costs — including script, lighting, and rental of the hall — there's simply no money left over for the actors, unless you want to jack the ticket prices up so high that only fat cats can afford them. Of course, there's another option: public funding.

But except for the Berkeley Rep, few theater groups around here get any public money. Which means our ability to see live theater is solely due to the generosity of the actors themselves, who, in effect, are subsidizing our enjoyment.

For all our claims to sophistication, the truth is that we here in the Bay Area are as provincial as Lodi or Stockton.

But, like archy, I digress. Back to the play: Kudos to all, especially Shay Oglesby-Smith, whose star turn as mehitabel comes as no surprise to those who are familiar with her recent triumphs in "Crazy For You" and "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying" at the Contra Costa Community Theater.

And a special bouquet to chorus member Susannah M. Scott, who is a terrific alley cat (in Act I) and ladybug (in Act II).

And in her day job, she's one of those delightful young counter clerks at Nabolom Bakery in Berkeley who always selects the gooiest cinnamon twists for me.

Another member of my cinnamon twist cadre is Mejia Reese. She, too, is an experienced thespian, currently appearing as Princess Sapphire in the Hillside Players' performance of "The Pirate Prince." (She also made the costumes.)

Its last performance will be this Sunday at the Hillside Club, corner of Cedar and Arch in Berkeley, at 7 p.m. Admission is free, and it's G-rated, so feel free to bring the kids.

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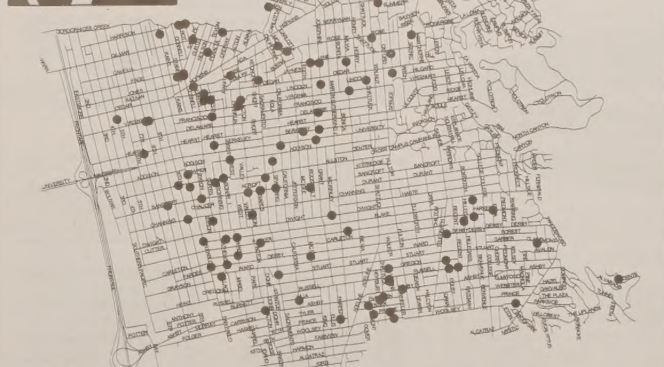
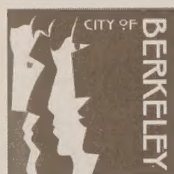
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Concert

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good things with music. They're not that much different than the birthday parties and political fund-raisers he's held on the stage for years, he said. "I'll be doing what I've been doing since 1988," said Scher, who envisions three or four concerts a year, held mostly on weekend days, with low-level amplification. Events will last a few hours and include a reception. Tickets won't be cheap.

He's working on a plan to have guests shuttled in from school or BART parking lots. In his mind, they're small gatherings. "This is not a party house," he said.

Scher credits Bill Graham, who promoted numerous big benefit

concerts before he died in 1991, with fueling his interest in musical fund-raisers. Scher worked as a vice president with Graham's promotions company for 24 years. "The best experiences I ever had (with Graham), the ones that have the best memories, are the benefit concerts. When the musicians were playing for something that really meant something to them, rather than just the money, they seemed to put out more," Scher said.

Louise Klein, 89, grew up in Scher's Kensington house and now lives directly uphill from the 1-acre property. She said the amphitheater was built by her father, UC Berkeley chemist Joel Hildebrand, largely as a place for her to dance as a child. She considers Scher's plan harmless and said she'd much rather have her old yard used for

concerts than subdivided and sold for new homes.

"He's made it a more formal affair, but he's still carrying on in the spirit of the way it began," Klein said.

But Jim Carmen, head of the town's advisory council, said Klein's opinion was the minority at a February meeting at which the amphitheater was discussed.

Most of those who attended the standing-room-only meeting protested the plan and called for more official scrutiny and oversight, he said. "This is not something that has neighborhood support. This was a very hostile meeting," Carmen said.

The council and county Supervisor John Gioia have asked county lawyers to look into the situation. The county doesn't have an or-

dinance covering residential concerts, said Gioia.

But if Scher is operating a business, albeit a nonprofit business, he may need a special county permit, Gioia said, adding that lawyers for the county are looking into the question.

"It's an issue that has to be resolved. The neighbors and the promoter have a right to know what he can and can't do," Gioia said.

Meanwhile, county planners, who were contacted by Scher before he started work on the amphitheater, still are reviewing the case. They've approved the amphitheater renovations as a landscaping project and also are investigating how it can be used.

The Kensington Police Department, also contacted by Scher, helped him apply for a one-day li-

cense to sell alcoholic beverages for the May concert, considering it a routine matter.

Chief Barry Garfield said he finds nothing illegal about holding the event.

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optimism in Albany, he added, saying, "It is not unusual for parties to settle between mediation and

fact-finding."

But tensions were heightened last week when the California Public Employee Relations Board (PERB) charged the district with violating the rights of ATA to represent its members and failing to

bargain in good faith.

Part of the initial tentative agreement reached last July stated that new hires in the district would alleviate prep time for fourth and fifth grade teachers. In return, the seventh grade would be extended

by a period at the middle school, meaning some teachers added a prep period to their work schedule last fall.

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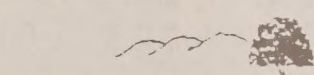
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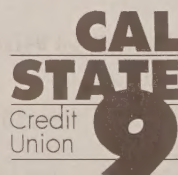
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of the agreement was enforced without the other, when the work day was extended for some middle school teachers last September without their consent. The union brought their complaints to PERB, a neutral entity that oversees collective bargaining in the

state, after filing a similar grievance with the district last fall.

The district hired people to provide relief in the fourth and fifth grades last fall but temporarily assigned them to other duties.

According to middle school Principal Marla Stephenson, the teachers in question were still working the same amount of time, with five periods and two prep periods.

In addition, by the time a con-

clusion is reached the charges may be moot. Due to recent districtwide cuts, Stephenson said that the seventh grade elective cycle would be removed, reverting the school back to its former schedule.

An agreement was nearly reached three times since last summer. Most recently, the union rejected a proposed 8 percent hike for teachers retroactive to January.

Anita Martinez, who PERB as-

signed to the case, cautioned against rushing to any judgment. "Nothing's been proven. These are simply allegations," she said. "There are enough facts to allege a 'prima facie' case."

Typically, the chances of proving anything dwindle with each stage in the negotiating process, she said, so few of such cases come to fruition.

If found guilty, the district would

have to "right" whatever wrong it had done.

A closed session is scheduled

for May 15, in which Martinez and both parties will informally discuss the charges.

Garden

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dressed the crowd, saying, "Our new garden didn't just appear out of nowhere." Owens has been in charge of the project since its inception and thanked the volunteers, including Americorp members, Carole Sly of Cafe Eclectica, and a committee of environmental educators, who helped move the garden little by little to its new space. In addition, MacGregor High students volunteered hours through the school's continuing education program.

Ocean View Principal Madeleine Hennings hopes the garden will have long term effects on the students' environmental awareness, as well. "I think that the students are becoming aware of the fact trees are alive, and you don't just break off a branch to play with," she said.

With somewhat serendipitous timing, the school board issued a resolution this month calling for a ban on the use of Roundup, an herbicide, at the Gill Tract on Buchanan Avenue adjacent to Ocean View. What affect the sprayings have on students, if any, are up for debate. But the board acted

at a recent board meeting, reacting to pressure by concerned parents who spoke out against the use of Roundup. The University of California Gill Tract Unit, which oversees the sprayings, will be meeting with district officials to discuss the matter further.

The board cited possible negative health affect of herbicides, increased community awareness and the failure of the current notification process as reasons to ban Roundup. The resolution states, "The Board of Education, in an effort to further limit the use of herbicide/pesticide treatment at the University of California Gill Tract,

requests that the University eliminate the spraying of the (treatments) at this location, and directs the Superintendent and/or his designee to work with University officials in identifying and implementing plans to achieve this objective."

The university may be changing its tune on the issue, saying it will consider other alternatives to herbicide/pesticide spraying and consider rototilling and manual weed removal at the site. In the past, officials in charge of the project have continually maintained they were opposed to either alternative.

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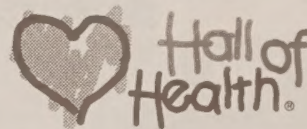


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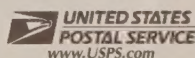
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Charter

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mittee, three were for a change, while 11 opposed it. The Tuesday meeting drew only a dozen people, many of whom had attended the first meeting. Six new speakers favored the charter change and four opposed it.

On Saturday three former mayors spoke. Jerome Blank and Elizabeth Baker weighed in on the side of changing the city charter to make the position appointive by the City Council. Robert Good strongly opposed the proposal.

Blank, who was recently honored with a clock on Solano Avenue naming him "Mr. Albany" for his many years of service to the community, said he remembered when the city had "four cops, and three of them rode motorcycles." He said no experience in police work was required to run for the office of chief in those days.

"Albany was a quiet little town then, but today we have all the problems of a metropolitan area," he said. "It is time we change the 1927 charter because we absolutely need an appointive police chief. There should be one body (the City Council) that's in control."

Elizabeth Baker said that after 15 years of experience as a volunteer and elected official, she felt the city should have a broader base from which to choose a police chief. "We need to open the pool of candidates to women and minorities, whom we have had difficulty recruiting. Having to run for the position is an added burden. And I would prefer that the chief not be worrying about the next election."

Former mayor Robert Good said Murdo had "an outstanding record and would not have been able to do these things if he had not been independent." Good said the powers of the City Council had been "eroded" in recent years as the powers of the city administrator increased, with control moving from elected to unelected officials. He also opined that public discussion and examination of candidates in

an election is as beneficial on the local scene as on the national.

Sgt. Bill Palmini, a 30-year-plis member of the department, said that Murdo had brought Albany "the lowest crime rate on the I-80 corridor, with the fewest number of law suits." Palmini said Murdo would not have been able to launch the highly successful Chief Operator youth safety program and other initiatives if he had been appointed. Officer Karen Alvarez, a 26-year APD veteran, told the committee that the police had a different relationship to the citizens than that of other city departments. "The police deal with a world you don't have to see," she told the committee. "It's a lot different than fixing your sewer."

Another veteran officer, Karen Kuhl, said she had worked under three elected police chiefs and had not heard any derogatory comments about them. "People like having direct access to their police chief," she said. "They have made it clear before they don't want parking meters, and they don't want the chief appointed."

Officer David Bettencourt contested Blank's contention that elective chiefs are out of date. He said Murdo had modernized the force so that "we have the lowest crime rate, the fewest law suits, and people are happy with the police services." Bettencourt said the Albany Police Officers' Association had queried members on the charter change, and that of the 32 members of the department, all 28 who were available to vote were opposed to making the chief's position appointive.

At the Tuesday meeting, former mayor Ruth Ganong termed electing the police chief "archaic and outmoded."

"I don't feel we should elect from the few officers who reside in Albany," she said. "It is also very difficult to recall a chief."

Former mayor Bob Nichols told the committee that "Albany is very lucky to have had Larry Murdo as chief. He is a great educator. But I don't know that we can be this lucky again." Nichols weighed in for charter change, saying that "No department has a higher risk for lawsuits. And it is a major undertaking to run against an incumbent chief."

Joyce Jackson, also a former mayor, charged that in the present system "the pool of candidates is limited, and once elected, a chief has tenure for life."

Detective Sgt. Bob Christianson said Murdo had "brought Albany into the 21st century."

"He does not make a move without legal counsel," Christianson said. "Larry gives instantaneous response to phone calls and will drop what he is doing to talk to a citizen. You don't have to go through a level of bureaucracy to deal with an elected chief. So if it ain't broke, don't give government a chance to break it."

Ray Anderson, a member of the Zoning Ordinance Revision Committee, observed that an appointed official was more likely to view the position of police chief here as a stepping stone to another job than would a man who had made a career in the department and had roots in the community. "And if

there should be no qualified candidate to run, the council could appoint one," he said.

Suzanne Conrad, mother of newly elected City Councilman Mario DiPrisco, said she felt "intimidated" by the police. Her husband, Larry Fitzsimons, said he was "appalled that the police chief did not report to the City Council."

"I have attempted to get the chief to do things, but he wasn't interested," Fitzsimons claimed. "He is not around. You can't even get in the door of the police station. Go to Round Table Pizza, you can get right in there."

Palmini told the committee that the elected chief "does have to work

with the council," adding, "and the council controls the police operation budget."

At the conclusion of the meeting, the committee approved a motion to recommend to the City Council that the City Charter be amended to make the position of police chief appointive. Voting for the motion were Diane Akers, Bob Outis, Thelma Rubin, Jeri Hanks and Kevin Bastian.

Committee member Nick Larrow was not present. Evan Flavelle abstained from voting after having proposed that the committee simply recommend that the matter be put before the voters on the November ballot.

Regency

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The writing is on the wall, he said, adding that it is distressing to be kept in the dark by his landlords. "This is kind of an anxiety, nervous-type week."

Many shoppers are distressed, too. "It stinks," said Betty Kipp,

79, of Kensington who has shopped at the Plaza since it opened in the 1950s.

Kipp said she went shopping this week only to learn some of her favorite standbys, such as Waldenbooks and the barber shop, soon will be gone.

"We were never told all those small businesses would be thrown out. There are a lot of people who

feel like I do."

Sewall Gilmetnick, director of the city's Chamber of Commerce, said Regency owes it to the community to keep merchants and the community informed of big changes at the Plaza. "From the standpoint of their corporation, they're probably doing what's right. I don't know if they're doing right from the standpoint of

the small merchant," he said.

Many Plaza businesses have struggled to stay in open through lean years at the center and now the construction, in hopes of being said. "I think the public really has for these small merchants who have hung on and served through thick and thin — mostly thin for a good number of years now."

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Open Home Guide See what's on sale in your neighborhood [B17]

Financing the construction of that brand-new home

So you have decided that you are going to have your home custom designed and built from scratch.

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So, do you choose one of the local community banks, or one of the big all-in-one national lenders? It's the "Independents" versus the "All-in-Ones."

To make that decision, first you need to understand the process and although it is often said that making a construction loan is more of an art than a science, we can examine the guidelines the lenders have given us.

The construction loan process can be broken down into three phases:

- the application and loan approval decision phase

- the escrow and draw stages during construction phase

- the final phase, the rollover or take out of permanent financing.

Both the Independents and the All-in-Ones look for the same information from the owner and general contractor. They both want to see good credit history, adequate income to qualify for the loan and liquidity.

The owner should have minimum reserves equaling at least the minimum equity position is the transaction. For the general contractor,



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they also want a strong resume detailing experience and references.

Loan approval is also based on the project. The application would include a "future-value" appraisal that would be based on the value of the lot, plans and specs and the breakdown of soft (preliminary inspections, architect and engineering fees, and so on) and hard costs (actual building costs).

The loan amount would be determined by the lender. The local community banks generally limit the loan to 80 percent of the future value. The national lender has a sliding scale and offers for loans up to \$400,000 at 90 percent loan to value; 85 percent to \$500,000; 80 percent to \$650,000; 75 percent to \$1,100,000 and 70 percent to \$2,100,000.

The construction loan product should be considered as well.

The national lenders, have the construction-to-permanent loan product that locks and closes the construction and permanent financing at the same time.

The loan product is based on an adjustable rate mortgage that is fixed for 5, 7 or 10 years taking advantage of today's low interest rates. During construction, the payments are interest-only on the full amount of the loan.

One national lender also offers a build-and-lock loan product. During the construction phase, the payments are interest-only, only on the

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DENNIS EVANOSKY

Quietly tucked away on a cul-de-sac at 21 Valant Place in Piedmont just off Trestle Glen Road, this home invites you to enjoy gracious living in the serenity of a historic glen that even Mark Twain once enjoyed.

Peace, tranquility yours in Piedmont home

BY DENNIS EVANOSKY
SECTION EDITOR

When the Spaniards arrived in what we now know as the East Bay in 1772, the trail that became Trestle Glen Road traversed a pleasant arroyo. A creek that drained into the slough that later became Lake Merritt ran through the dell.

We know that Native Americans made their home in a village in the arroyo, and the early settlers called

the area "Indian Gulch" and the stream "Indian Creek"—names that stuck until Borax Smith arrived.

Much has changed, but the serenity remains, and can be enjoyed nowhere else as on Valant Place in Piedmont, a street that meets Trestle Glen Road off Park Boulevard at the handsome gates that define the neighborhood.

The four-bedroom, two-bath home at 21 Valant Place offers its

new owner the ultimate in privacy: a cul-de-sac in a park-like setting. The beautifully landscaped home boasts a terraced back yard.

The home's new owner's will enjoy a spacious living room surrounded by French doors and complemented by wood-beam ceilings and a large stone and brick fireplace with a mantel.

The formal dining room has double-glass doors that lead onto

the back porch's privacy. Corian countertops and glass doors set off the new spacious eat-in kitchen with doors that lead to the home's spacious back yard.

The home's current owners have completely remodeled the bath on the main level using tumbled marble and brushed stainless steel fixtures.

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MORTGAGE INDUSTRY NEWS

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CARL Golf Tourney

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Passengers on the Oakland Traction Company's double-decker streetcar pose on the trestle that gave Trestle Glen its name. The streetcar began bringing picnickers into the glen in 1893. It was torn down about 1906 when the company rerouted its 4th Avenue car line to run out Park Boulevard

Home

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The upper level has a bright master suite with a fireplace and a generous-sized dressing area complete with three closets. The spacious full bath has a skylight in the shower stall. There's even a secret passage that leads from the third bedroom into the fourth bedroom over the garage.

Deep roots

The home's idyllic setting has roots deep in the history of the glen itself. In the 1850s, above on what is now Park Boulevard foresters prodded teams of oxen that transported giant redwood logs from the forest in the hills above Oakland.

Some of this timber was no doubt transported down the trail that later became Trestle Glen Road to the embarcadero on what is now Lake Merritt.

Peder Sather — of UC Berkeley Sather Gate and Sather Tower fame — owned the entire glen by 1880. He gave his permission for picnickers to enjoy the wooded site.

In 1893, Borax Smith's Oakland Traction Company extended its 4th Street Line to the glen on Park Boulevard where it meets Grosvenor. From there the company built the trestle into the glen over to Underhill.

Mark Twain

On the inaugural run, crowds waited to board the system's double-decker streetcar. Mark Twain is said to have been among the VIPs present that day.

The coming of the trolley and its trestle gave Indian Gulch a new name: Trestle Glen.

Thanks to the Oakland Traction Company the area became a favorite spot for picnics and excursions. According to Thomas McCune in his pamphlet "Trestle Glen History", available at the Oakland History Room, Trestle Glen was a long way from the City of Oakland in those days.

McCune tells us that a pavilion was erected on the floor of the glen at the end of the trestle along with suitable outbuildings for refreshments.

"Dances, conventions, camp meetings, and gatherings of various kinds kept the glen pretty well patronized during the summer months," says McCune. "The Salvation Army held its annual camp meeting at Trestle Glen and the glen was about the liveliest place in the East Bay region."

The beginning of the end

When the Oakland Traction rerouted the 4th Avenue carline about 1906, the trestle fell into disrepair and was demolished.

By 1909 developer Wickham Havens had built Mandana Boulevard around one edge of the glen, and houses began to encroach on the tranquil setting.

The area became increasingly urban, according to McCune, who says that "it was not surprising that a movement developed to preserve Trestle Glen as a public

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park. But one of the opponents Frank Davis was elected mayor in 1906.

Then in June 1907, McCune tells us that the Lakeside Highlands Company (of which Wickham Havens was president) was subdividing the hill area into Trestle Glen from Lakeside Avenue to Grosvenor, and Sather's parkland.

By 1920 maps had been filed subdividing the entire area. The name Trestle Glen came to mean a place for gracious living in a fine neighborhood rather than a rendezvous for a weekend picnic.

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Tour Berkeley's Live Oak Park

■ Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association invites you to explore "Live Oak Park" next Sunday

BY ARLENE BAXTER
CORRESPONDENT

Anyone interested in the history and architecture of Berkeley will want to reserve next Sunday, May 6 from 1 to 5 pm, to take the Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association's 26th annual house tour. This year's tour — "Around Live Oak Park" — features two quintessential early Berkeley neighborhoods. Live Oak Park, created by the City in 1914, is one of North Berkeley's gems and is the centerpiece of the several neighborhoods that surround it.

The interiors and gardens of 10 special houses dating from the first years of the last century will be open for viewing. These include the early work of architects Bernard Maybeck, Julia Morgan and Henry Gutterson. There will be a reception in one of the gardens and a string quartet will perform, in one of the houses.

About the park

Live Oak Park is one of Berkeley's oldest and most naturalistic public parks. Codornices Creek meanders through its grove of native oaks, accented here and there with big, old specimen trees planted in the original gardens that preceded the park.

But, the area did not grow up around the park; in fact most of the nearby houses were built long before 1914 when the land was purchased by the City of Berkeley for a public park.

Two groupings of houses have been selected to best show the architecture of the area, as well as to allow for exploration of Live Oak Park and a glimpse of the old Napoleon Bonaparte Byrne homestead.

There will be two houses designed by Bernard Maybeck as part of a large family compound. Both have the original redwood interiors and one even retains its wine-red velvet wall coverings.

A pair of Julia Morgan houses from 1906 and 1910 stand side by side further up the hill. They show the careful symmetry and attention to detail that reflect Julia Morgan's Beaux Arts training, which she translated into the local shingle vernacular.

The 1908 Dempster House perched on a large corner hillside lot, is the epitome of the Arts & Crafts home and was designed by the owner to be earthquake-proof. It is owned by descendants of the original family.

Next door, a large brown-shingle house features a wrap-around porch and a bay view: it was the recipient of a BAHF preservation award.

A Henry Gutterson-designed house from 1914, built for the Howell family (of San Francisco's famed John Howell Books), has a stage in the living room which was the setting for family theatricals; the string quartet will perform there during the tour.

On a sunny southern slope is a 1905 house by Maybeck's brother-in-law and sometime-partner John White. Its forest green attic feels like a treehouse.

Another Arts & Crafts house features a partially half-timbered exterior. Finally, the "new house on the block," a large English Arts & Crafts house built in 1911 for a member of the pharmaceutical firm Cutter family, has just received the finishing touches of a loving and careful restoration.

Early history

The vast area that encompasses both the park and its neighborhoods and which ex-

tended over the top of the Berkeley Hills, was acquired in 1860 by one of Berkeley's earliest settlers, Napoleon Bonaparte Byrne.

He and his family and Pete and Hannah Byrne, two former slaves who had been freed prior to the journey west, made the long trip across the continent from Missouri to settle on the banks of Codornices Creek and began farming 800 acres. In 1868 the Byrnes built an imposing Italianate villa (east of the park on Oxford Street). The house stood for more than 100 years.

Then in 1895, while undergoing a long-awaited restoration, the house was severely damaged in two arson fires. A valiant effort was made by concerned citizens to find a way to repair the house, but it was subsequently demolished a few years later.

The site of the house and its grounds, which includes a stretch of creek, continues to have significance as a reminder of Berkeley's pioneers.

Because the Byrnes had invested in a farming venture in the Delta, they began selling the Berkeley property piece by piece, beginning in 1873. Henry Berryman purchased the Byrne House with 10 adjoining acres; it then became known as "the Berryman place." Other acreage, bought by investors including Berryman, was surveyed for subdivisions.

Henry Berryman, as owner of the Berkeley Waterworks, built the Berryman Reservoir (still located nearby), and extended the steam train line north on Shattuck Avenue to Vine Street (known as Berryman Station), both as measures to increase the desirability of his North Berkeley lots. A few of the earliest houses built then are still standing today.

Site of Live Oak Park

Several early homes were built to the west on pieces of property comparable in size to the Berryman place. The Russell Penniman estate and the home of Dr. Michael O'Toole, "Glenda Lough" became the nucleus of Live Oak Park.

Through the efforts of Penniman, who purchased the O'Toole property "in order that its beauty might be kept intact and not soon sacrificed through subdivision methods," the area was a practically made-to-order garden for the city when it purchased the land in March 1914.

At that time Berkeley, like many other American cities, was swept up in the "City Beautiful" movement, and had recently commissioned a report on city planning by Werner Hegemann, which revealed a lack of public parks. The city's ambitious plan was to gradually acquire more land along Codornices Creek to link the new Live

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Oak Park with Codornices Park several blocks to the east. Eventually the park was extended as far as Oxford Street, with a second entrance opposite the old Byrne-Berryman property.

Tickets for the tour cost \$25 for BAHF members and guests and \$32 for general admission. Tickets and information are available at 510-841-2242. Tickets also will be available on the day of the tour, starting at noon at 1212 Shattuck Ave. To view additional photos visit the BAHF Web site at www.berkeleyheritage.com.

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At last, my favorite time of year

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About a month ago, when spring was barely beginning, I was positive that was my most favorite time of year in the garden. Tips of bulbs were just emerging, tiny buds had appeared on trees, and there was a lot of bare ground showing still.

There was so much promise that to my eyes, the look of the garden was perfection. Since then, over just a few weeks, plants have seemingly leapt upward, trees are in full leaf, daffodils and hyacinths have flowered and are done.

And now, I am sure that this is my favorite time of the year in the garden. The look is even better than earlier: not too crowded yet, not many plants in bloom but burgeoning, full of new green, and clean red tips on the roses.

I've "vacuumed" all around the array-to-come, cleaned up the paths, raked the oak leaves away, trimmed ivy strings, pulled out stray grasses.

The quantity of growth that has developed in my garden in so short a time is nothing short of wondrous. The lavender-flowered campanula, for example, has wandered far and wide; its mass is great.

The mock orange blossoms and purple bearded irises are tall and exuberant and just beginning to open. Two white clematis vines have flung themselves and attached their tendrils to fences and bushes and are already in bloom. This year I have a whole grove of tall purple money plant. I had nothing to do with that; they re-seeded all on their own — gloriously.

I've shaped my smaller trees, cut away a third of their branches, even the tops. The garden books say not to do this, I think because of something to do with a purist point of view: letting trees grow to whatever size nature intended. But I do it anyway, even lopping off the ends of branches, because I want the trees to stay on the small side.

It seems to me that the greatest pleasure in gardening is doing it the way I want to. I plant what I want, pull out whatever I consider weeds, and when I get tired of a plant, even a large and established one, I dig it up, let it go.

Several years past the decision, I finally dug up the dahlias. They hadn't put up leaves yet, thank goodness. I couldn't have killed them if they'd had new leaves. These large, cactus-flowered dahlias, yellow and white — beautiful, beloved — unfortunately don't grow well in my garden.

Although I stake and tie them, they fall down. Green ladybugs eat holes in the petals. Worse, the flower heads are so heavy that every flower gets a broken neck. I just can't stand all those broken necks again, so I dug up all the tubers and threw them away.

Well, almost. On my way to the green recycling bin, I fished out some of the large tubers, put them in a bag, then carried the bag around the garden looking for another spot with full sun. I knew it was hopeless. I have precious little full sun available. As the California oaks on the edges of my back garden grow, I have increasing shade.

The few full-sun spots are occupied, so I carried my bag of tubers out front. There I found a bare place with lots of sun; there is even an operating sprinkler hose there.

I planted about a quarter of the dahlias I'd dug up, thinking all the while that I'm not going to like them there either. The green bugs will probably find them, and they'll have broken necks out there, too.

A plant called Bouncing Bet is bouncing along like crazy everywhere in the garden. I made the mistake of introducing pretty, pink-flowering Bet to my garden several years ago. It didn't take long to see that this plant is extremely enthusiastic, so much so that, pretty as she is, I decided to oust her.

A friend and I worked to get her out, spending most of an afternoon digging deep, carefully removing and discarding all parts of the plant including the underground stolons.

We felt we'd been thorough, and for the following two years or so, it seemed we had been. Bouncing Bet was gone.

But, no; she reemerged uphill about 25 feet above her original spot. I couldn't believe it. Had she been crawling underground all that time, only to push up as if to say,



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"Ha?" Maybe so. Bet now appears in three separate, widely spaced spots of the garden including the original planting spot from which she was absent for so long. As it doesn't look like I'm going to be able to banish this plant, I might as well get used to having it. But her habits worry me.

Twice this week friends have told me that plants I gave them died after being planted in their own yards. One plant that died in both cases is an oxalis. I adore, pink flowers, clover-like leaves.

It was here when I arrived and it proved to be a gem that flowers most of the year, mounds satisfyingly, and doesn't sneak around the yard as many oxalis (and Bouncing Bet) do.

It grows from small bulbs which I've found easy to transplant. What went wrong for my friends? We talked. One said, "I guess they need water." The other, when I asked, admitted that she doesn't water much, if at all.

"Oh," I said. "Well, plants do need water. My mother used to tell me that more important than anything in gardening is 'water, water, water'."

Ah, but maybe I should pass along some Bouncing Bet to my friends. I don't think my mother was thinking about Bet's sheer determination when she gave me her watering advice.

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The Breakfast Club

Join the lively Wednesday Morning Breakfast Meetings, presented by the California Association of Residential Lenders (CARL). Meetings are held at American Title in Walnut Creek on Olympic boulevard. Start time begins promptly at 8:15 a.m. Breakfast refreshments are served.

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The CAMB Silicon Valley Chapter invites mortgage professionals to Mortgage Mastery in the New Millennium, a sales conference and trade expo. The Expo, sponsored by Countrywide is on Thursday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. It includes

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classes, a luncheon and the trade show. The first class is Mortgage Mastery with "America's top loan originator", Barry Habib. The Countrywide Lunch begins at noon with keynote speaker Todd Del Porto. Other classes are offered from 1 to 5. The trade show begins at noon and is free to all registered participants. For more information or to receive a reservation form phone Silicon Valley CAMB at 408-795-3322.

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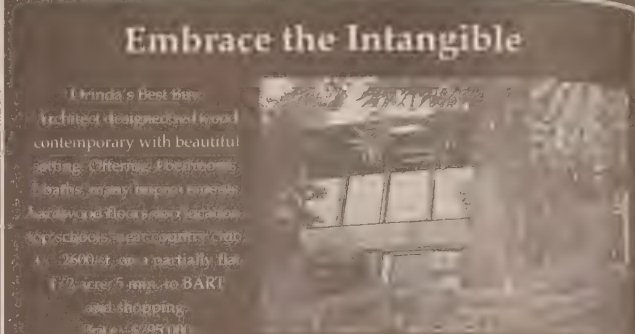
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101 Beechwood Drive **\$2,349,000**
Elegant architecture accents this romantic 5BR, 3+BA Tuscan Villa in Claremont Pines. Designed & built by Mark Becker, on an exceptional lot w/private gardens. Debra J. Dryden

7105 Marlborough Terrace **\$1,375,000**
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5556 Bacon Road **New Listing \$1,195,000**
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151 The Uplands, Berkeley **\$849,000**
Wonderful traditional home w/formal rooms. Secret garden w/hot tub. Updated kitchen w/natural light & hardwood floors. Close to shops & restaurants. 3BR/2BA. Kurt Buchholz



2844 Chelsea Drive **New Listing \$749,000**
Feel at home in this Piedmont Pines contemporary w/ views, gourmet kitchen, 3BR/2BA including elegant master suite + guest room/office w/bath. John Karnay/Steve Michaelides

3115 Holyrood Drive **Price Upon Request**
Enjoy spectacular Bay, city & bridge views from this Montclair home. 3BR/2BA on main. 2BR/1BA down Spacious family room. Great for shared living or au pair. Debbi DiMaggio

11550 Sun Valley Dr. **\$675,000**
Beautiful 3BR/3BA estate on 1.22 level acres of landscaped grounds. Back garden overlooks Chabot Golf Course. Barn & corral or convert to office. Ed Kuo



6333 Broadway Terrace **New Listing \$595,000**
Charming & stylish 20's Mediterranean in Upper Rockridge near Hillcrest School, a high performing K-8 public school. Spacious & sunny w/updated kitchen & baths. Judith Cain

5500 Estates Drive **New Price \$539,000**
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3945 Waterhouse Road **New Listing \$519,000**
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3432 Brunell Drive **New Listing \$399,000**
Lovely contemporary tucked away in the trees! 3+BR/3 updated baths, large decks with an indoor/outdoor feel. Montclair schools. Nancy Lehrkind

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Rockridge Condo **New Listing \$600,000**
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Upper Rockridge Condominium **\$285,000**
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CLAREMONT HILLS **\$2,275,000**
6809 BUCKINGHAM BLVD. (Open 2-4:30) 5+BD/4.5BA. Splendid new home w/panoramic SF & GG views. Gourmet kitchen/family room. Luxurious master suite. Level yard. 1/2 acre +/- Nancy Noman x373

PIEDMONT **\$2,195,000**
50 SANDRINGHAM RD. (Open 2-4:30) 5+BD/4+BA chalet w/ filtered Bay views, pool, spa, & sauna. Custom built and maintained by original owners, this property abounds with redwoods, oaks & pines. Charlotte Boyle x370



CRESTMONT **\$1,695,000**
158 COLGETT DR. (Open 2-4:30) Five bridge Bay views. Luxurious 4+BD/4.5BA architect designed home. Library w/private entrance & terrace. Tower suite with master bath. Level yard areas. David Ichikawa x331

CLAREMONT HILLS **\$1,199,000**
1033 AMITO DR. (Open 2-4:30) Leonard Perillo presents this exciting new Mediterranean with bay & canyon views. 4BD/4BA. FDR, kit/fam room & master suite. Country/city living. Bonnie Hirsch x337

ROCKRIDGE (UPPER) **\$1,195,000**
5924 CONTRA COSTA RD. (Open 2-4:30) This beautiful, contemporary Mediterranean home combines elegant living and thrilling views. 4BD/3BA. Debi Fitzgerald x306

PIEDMONT **\$949,000**
6845 OAKWOOD DR. (Open 2-4:30) Dramatic custom 11 yr old home with expansive canyon views. 3+BD/2.5BA. Spacious flowing floor plan. Approx. 4200+ sq ft with expansion potential. Carolyn Jones x339



CLAREMONT HILLS **\$919,000**
7000 NORFOLK RD. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Sophisticated design w/expansive hill & South Bay views. 3 year old home, approx. 3,300 sq. ft. with family room & bonus/rumpus/media room. 3BD/2.5BA. Teri Carlisle x305

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6051 ESTATES DR. (Open 2-4:30) Piedmont side of Montclair. Living room with partial Bay view, formal dining, family room w/FP. In-law quarters, pool & garden. 4+BD/4BA. Adriana Giacomelli x350

PIEDMONT PINES **\$849,000**
5950 CASTLE DR. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Lovely updated 4BD/3BA home in fabulous setting with expansive Bay views. Dee Knowland x318



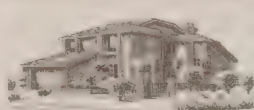
ROCKRIDGE (UPPER) **\$848,000**
686 FLORENCE AVE. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Dramatic architecture and quality craftsmanship. Built in 2000 by architect/builder Gary York. Beautiful hill views. 3BD/2.5BA. James Duffy x326

ROCKRIDGE (UPPER) **\$825,000**
268 SHERIDAN RD. (Open 2-4:30) Spacious 1993 contemporary. 6+BD/4.5BA. Formal dining room. Recreation room w/ fireplace & wet bar. Wendy Gardner x303

CROCKER HIGHLANDS **\$825,000**
808 WALAVISTA AVE. (Open 2-4:30) Stately, sun-drenched 4+BD/2BA, rich in architectural details. Family & sun rooms. Large level yard. Jeffrey Himmel x307

MONTCLAIR **\$699,000**
7291 WILD CURRANT WY. (Open 2-4:30) Built in 1987, main house has 5BD/3BA. Attached 2BD/1BA in-law has inside & outside access. Also offers a good sized studio w/bath for an office. Kathy Flynn x317

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RIDGEMONT **\$679,000**
4201 RIDGEMONT CT. (Open 2-4:30) Bay views. This 4BD/3BA home offers a generous floorplan. Dramatic living room with vaulted ceilings & dining room with 2-story ceilings. Anne Feste x371

RIDGEMONT **\$675,000**
4203 HIGH KNOLL DR. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Soaring ceilings, generous kitchen/family room, huge master suite with sitting room w/ fireplace and bay view. 4BD/3BA Robyn Mohr x310

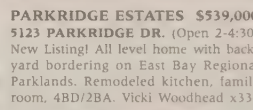
MONTCLAIR **\$675,000**
1823 DRAKE DR. (Open 2-4:30) 1960's contemporary, close to village. 3000+/- sq. ft. with expansive Bay views and level yard. 5BD/3BA. Terry Anthony x376

MONTCLAIR **\$650,000**
600 MOUNTAIN BLVD. (Open 2-4:30) Custom 5BD/3BA built in 1993. 3,400+/- sf. Features inlaid maple floors & built-ins. This is a fixer. Nancy Moore x302

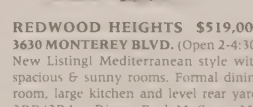
CROCKER HIGHLANDS **\$575,000**
841 SANTA RAY AVE. (Open 2-4:30) REDUCED! Lovely 4BD/2+BA remodeled Mediterranean w/master suite & family room. Fireplace, hardwood floors, decks and large yard. Michelle Vasey x359

PT. RICHMOND **\$550,000**
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PARKRIDGE ESTATES **\$539,000**
5123 PARKRIDGE DR. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! All level home with backyard bordering on East Bay Regional Parklands. Remodeled kitchen, family room. 4BD/2BA. Vicki Woodhead x334



REDWOOD HEIGHTS **\$519,000**
3630 MONTEREY BLVD. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Mediterranean style with spacious & sunny rooms. Formal dining room, large kitchen and level rear yard. 3BD/2BA. Diane Earl McCan x352

REDWOOD HEIGHTS **\$469,000**
4375 TERRABELLA PL. (Open 2-4:30) Wonderful, sunny Montebello Terrace home. 3BD/2.5 BA. Filtered SF Bay & City lights views. Hardwood floors and fireplace on main level. Cheryl Hargett x375

REDWOOD HEIGHTS **\$440,000**
3321 JORDAN RD. (Open 2-4:30) Private setting. 3BD/2BA. Family room/office. Floor-to-ceiling windows with views of hills. Lee Jacobson x309

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6323 WESTOVER DRIVE (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! 2BD/1BA gem on its own cul-de-sac. Modern kitchen. Living dining room with fireplace, private hot tub deck and great canyon views. Chuck Corwin x353

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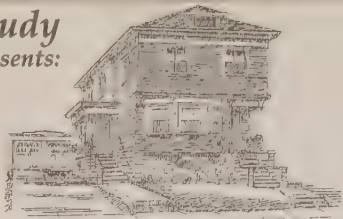
ROCKRIDGE **\$789,000**
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Chris Ehlers-Hardie • 524-9888 x22 \$475,000



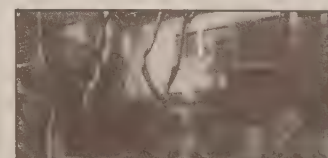
Lower Rockridge. 470 McAuley St. New Listing! Open Sun., 2-4. Immaculate, serene hideaway 3 bdrms, 1 1/4 baths. Designed by Hachiro Yusa w/ clean Japanese-style lines & wonderful indoor/outdoor access. Living rm wall of windows opens out to a lg garden w/a graceful pond & a charming Japanese tea house (ready for a tea ceremony).
Jane Allen • 524-9888 x23 \$342,000



Albany. 912 Pierce Street. New Listing! Open Sun., 2-4. Two-story home with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, living room, dining room, kitchen on main level and master bedroom suite with 2nd bath and family room up! Big basement, separate laundry room.
Jean Auka • 524-9888 x16 \$345,000



Oakland. 2614 Madeline St. Open Sun. 2-5. Artfully remodeled brown shingle craftsman w/a lush, priv. bldg, serene hill views & pleasant outlooks from each rm. Light & bright w/3 BR, 2 BA, lots of charm. In excellent shape. An extra bonus is a separate office w/its own entrance & courtyard.
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Oakland. 625 El Dorado Ave., #301. Open Sun. 2-4:30. Elegant & spacious 2 bdrms, 2 bath condo w/ new beautiful kitchen: granite, stainless steel, custom lighting, living rm w/fireplace, extra-wide balcony with gym area. Updated baths. Quiet, tree-lined street, walking distance to Piedmont Avenue amenities.
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Berkeley. 2205 McGee Ave. Open Sun., 2-4:30. A Berkeley bungalow with cook's kitchen. This 2 bedroom, 1 bath home features living room with fireplace & built-ins, dining room with coffered ceiling, hardwood floors. The captivating kitchen has been updated with custom cabinetry. A French door leads to the deck & hot tub. Walking distance to BART.
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OPEN SUNDAY

1850 Arrowhead Dr......\$699,000
Montclair. Entertain in style. 3BD/2BA contemporary. Open 1:30-4:00 p.m. **Ellen Lancaster**

4045 Balfour Ave......\$649,000
Lakeshore. Fabulous newer home. 3+BD/2.5BA. Open 2-5 p.m. **Jack Brenneman**

1254 Holman Rd......\$685,000
Crocker Highland. Tastefully updated traditional. 3BD/2.5BA. Open 2-4:30 p.m. **Nader Davari**

56 Weybridge Ct......\$599,000
Montclair. All level-in home on cul-de-sac. 3BD/2BA. Open 2-4:30 p.m. **Victor Fierro**

BY APPOINTMENT

Upper Piedmont.....\$739,000
Charm! Walk to schools. 2+BD/1+BA. **Nancy Maloney & Jillian Strawn**

Upper Rockridge.....\$700,000
Prime view lot with plans. Huge frontage. **Becky Andersen**

Claremont.....\$650,000
Level land & view lot. Adjacent to parcel next door could be sold as package. **David Eckert**

Berkeley.....\$469,000
Walk to BART! 2+BD/1BA, detached studio cottage. **Vicky Faulk**

Laurel.....\$465,000
Duplex with Bay View, 2BD/1BD units. **Victor Fierro**



5317 Broadway.....\$549,000
Rockridge. Classic Duplex. 2 nice size units, hardwood built-ins, fireplace, with many original features. Close to BART & College Ave. Open 1-4:30 p.m. **Victor Ratto/Adele Wong**

4258 Coolidge Ave......\$585,000
Lincoln Heights. Stunning Views. Spacious home & yard! 3BD/2.5BA, including mstr ste, eat-in kit. & FDR, den, RR, storage/workshop. Open 2-4:30 p.m. **Rachel Baller**

12910 Brookpark Rd......\$539,000
Parkridge Estates. Immaculate & sun-filled 4BD/2.5BA, fam room, remodel kit. & baths, gleaming hwdw flrs, front/rear yd w/fantastic view! Open 2-5 p.m. **George Karsant**

2690 Las Aromas.....\$599,000
Piedmont Pines. Traditional charm. 3BD/2BA. Open 1-4 p.m. **Ellen Lancaster**

4127 Lakeshore.....\$559,000
Crocker. 1918 two-story traditional. 3BD/1+BA. Open 2-5 p.m. **Ruby Ng**

2630 Camino Lenada.....\$499,500
Piedmont Pines. Most living on 1 level. 3BD/3BA. Open 1-4 p.m. **Ruby Ng**

2830 Morgan Ave......\$319,000
Lincoln Heights. Sweet Starter. 2BD/1BA. Open 2-4:30 p.m. **Rachel Baller**

Montclair.....\$535,000
Fabulous level yard for entertaining. 3BD/2BA. **Dell Orr**

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Remodeled condo w/sweeping view. **Michael Thompson**

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Upper Rockridge.....\$995,000
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SF City & Bay Views. Perfect for home office plus 4BD/4.5BA Separate studio w/health & view. By Appointment **Jack Brenneman**

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Medit remodel! 3+BD/3BA **Diana Kay**

868 Arlington Ave......\$599,000
Colonial. 3BD/3BA w/ view **Rita Zwerdling**

1316-1316A Martin Luther King Jr. Way.....\$495,000
Duplex w/ 2BD/2BA & 1BD/1BA **Sally Hendrickson**

2330 Sacramento.....\$449,000
3++ BD/2BA **David DeZerega**

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1524 Douglas Dr.....\$495,000
View home, 4+BD/2.5BA **Diana Kay**

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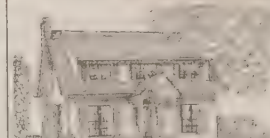
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Top-floor 1 bdrm charmer with updated kitchen and bath. Off-street parking and garden. Conv to campus, BART & Berkeley Bowl.

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...with Panoramic Bay views. Superb Tudor with spectacular living room, office/observatory, and rec room with wet bar and covered patio. 5 BR/4 BA
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MAGICAL WOODED SETTING!.....\$659,000
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A SENSE OF FLOWING SPACE.....\$549,000
High vaulted wood beam ceilings in the lvg rm, dining area combo & master suite, lge deck, ramp, 3 rm on the lower level, fresh paint, new carpet, & a brand new driveway can all be yours in this 4+ bd, 3 ba contemporary
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NEW LISTING!.....\$449,000
Extremely charming Montclair home w/white picket fence. Refinished hwd fls, country kitchen, adorable living rm w/fireplace, delightful in law w/full bath & low ceilings and a huge backyard ready for your green thumb.
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Report

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Consumers remain concerned about the overall direction of the economy, but the demand for housing continues to outpace the supply of homes for sale. Following four consecutive month-to-month declines, sales of existing, single-family homes rose 6.6 percent in March compared to February.

In a separate report covering more localized statistics generated by C.A.R. and Real Estate Solutions' MetroScan service, 264 of 313 California cities and communities showed an increase in median home prices from a year ago.

Using the MetroScan database, median home prices are generated

from new and existing condominium and single-family closed escrow sales. These localized MetroScan statistics are based on county records data rather than MLS information.

Large changes in local median home prices typically indicate both local home price appreciation, and often, large shifts in the composition of housing market activity. Some of the variations in median home prices may be exaggerated due to compositional changes in housing demand.

Among the highlights of the March localized data collected by C.A.R. and Real Estate Solutions:

The top 10

Statewide, the 10 cities and communities with the highest me-

dian home prices in California during March 2001 were:

- Pacific Palisades, \$880,500
- Malibu, \$849,000
- Burlingame, \$800,000
- Orinda, \$743,750
- Carmel, \$725,050
- Palos Verdes, \$725,000
- Mill Valley, \$720,000
- Beverly Hills, \$717,500
- Menlo Park, \$715,000
- San Carlos, \$699,000.

Statewide, the 10 cities and communities with the greatest median home price increases in March 2001 compared to the same period a year ago were: San Bruno, 77.6 percent; San Pablo, 62.3 percent; Ridgecrest, 59 percent; Nevada City, 56.6 percent; Artesia, 50.6 percent; Richmond, 48.9 percent; Watsonville, 48.9 percent; Napa, 46.7 percent; Pittsburg, 45.2 percent; Westlake Village, 45.2 percent.

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sels. School groups of 4th graders and above are welcome to reserve space. Boarding time is 30 minutes prior to departure.

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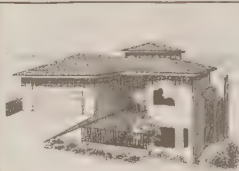
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1839 NORTHWOOD CT. \$995,000

Dramatic new home with Mediterranean flair! Big bay views! 4BD/2.5BA, home office, kitchen family room combo. Great master suite. Fabulous decks.

Mary Neuberger 530-4148



6157 RUTLAND ROAD. \$839,000

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6767 OAKWOOD DRIVE. \$659,000

This well designed 1987 home combines a luscious floorplan w/fine craftsmanship & special setting in a grove of mature bay trees. Spacious mstr. ste. w/dressing rm. 2 additional BD, 1.5 additional BA. Frml LR & DR, eat-in kit., w/garage access. Huge semi-finished utility areas on lower level. Peter & Ellen Nicolopoulos 339-9780



77 MERRIWOOD CIRCLE. \$399,000

Montclair Retreat! Spacious 3+BD/2BA in tranquil wooded setting, light & airy floorplan, wonderful decks w/hot tub & brick patio for entertaining, new carpets plus more! Kate Phillips 436-4100



827 BROOKLYN AVENUE. \$329,000

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Carol Robbiano ext. 292

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DRAMATIC CONTEMPORARY.....

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MAJOR PRICE REDUCTION! \$439,000

Gracious 2-story traditional in Upper Glenview. 4BD/2BA. Large rooms. Original details. Freshly painted interior & refinished hrwd. Partial basement, yard.

Christine Christensen ext. 242



MAXWELL PARK!..... \$295,000

Spacious 4BD with charm, hardwood floors, built-in cabinets, formal dining room, large eat-in kitchen, huge basement with expansion potential

Kate Phillips 436-4100

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DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY..... \$425,000
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ATTENTION BUILDERS - GENTLE DOWNSLOPE LOT..... \$180,000
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TWO CONTIGUOUS LOTS..... \$70,000 each
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 3657 West Ct - \$967,272

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 385 Caliente Dr - \$213,000
 3906 Carmel Wy - \$280,000
 1132 Carpentier #206 - \$130,000
 14342 Corvallis St - \$315,000
 1510 Fairmont Dr - \$262,000
 2217 Fairway Dr - \$345,000
 866 Hutchings Dr - \$285,000
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 1599 Thrush Av - \$245,000

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2220 Compass Cv - \$490,000
 16084 P. Largavista - \$229,000
 16187 Via Karl - \$299,000
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TOTAL SALES: 9
 LOWEST PRICE: \$285,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$708,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$412,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$433,056

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TOTAL SALES: 9
 LOWEST PRICE: \$285,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,700,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$560,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$818,944

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 PRICE: \$226,500

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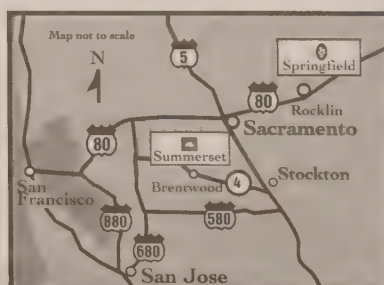


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Fixed-rate mortgages up for fourth consecutive week

■ ARM rate lowest in almost two years

McLean, VA — In Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.14 percent, with an average cost of 0.9 point (1 point equals 1 percent of the loan amount), for the week ending April 20.

This bellwether rate crept up from last week's average of 7.04 percent. This time last year, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 8.16 percent.

The average for the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage this week is 6.66 percent, with an average cost of 1 point, up from last week's average of 6.55 percent. A year ago, the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.82 percent.

One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 6.08 percent this week, with an average 0.9 point, down from last week's average of 6.15 percent.

This time last year, the 1-year ARM averaged 6.76 percent. This is the lowest the 1-year ARM has been since the week ending July 30, when it averaged 5.99 percent.

"Mortgage rates crept up over the end of last week and into this week, as the market ruled out any intervention by the Federal Reserve Board (Fed) before the next FOMC meeting," said Robert Van Order, Freddie Mac chief economist.

"But following the release of the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which indicated that inflation remains in check, the Fed unexpectedly lowered interest rates by a half of a percent."

"Since the Fed's cut influences other short-term rates more than long-term rates, we may see the ARM rates fall a bit more. We also expect the impact on long-term rates will be minimal."

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Remodelors learn about stone surfaces

■ Public invited to NARI monthly meeting

National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI), San Francisco Bay Area Chapter invites the public to its meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, at Eurostone, Inc., 1050 Aladdin Ave, in San Leandro.

The meeting of contractors, architects, kitchen and bath designers, interior designers and other professionals affiliated with the remodeling industry, will focus on the numerous types and uses of natural stone in remodeling projects.

Experts will discuss features and characteristics of natural and custom-made marble, granite and limestone tops. They will review which materials are suitable for a broad range of uses, and discuss new techniques for specifying stone products.

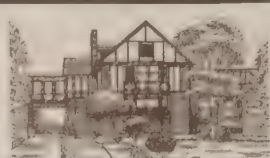
NARI is a not-for-profit association working to educate and enhance the professionalism of the residential and commercial remodeling industries while serving as an ally to homeowners.

Bay Area members include professional contractors, sub-contractors, architects, consultants, interior designers, certified kitchen/bath designers, as well as suppliers and professional service consultants.

A ticket costs \$25 and includes a full buffet dinner. For reservations and information about the meeting call Bill Wichter at 415-675-9776.

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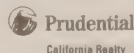
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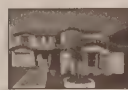


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National March home sales near record level

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WASHINGTON (April 25, 2001) — Spurred by lower mortgage interest rates, existing single-family home sales rose to a near-record pace in March, according to the National Association of Realtors. Existing-home sales increased 4.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.44 million units in March from a pace of 5.19 million units in February — reaching the second highest monthly rate on record. Last month's sales activity was 3.8

percent above the 5.24-million unit pace in March 2000. Dr. David LeReah, NAR's chief economist, described sales as "phenomenal." "This is just shy of the all-time record pace of 5.45 million in June 1999, and is the second-highest level of sales activity ever recorded," he said. "Clearly, mortgage interest rates that are near 30-year lows are bringing many buyers into the market at the beginning of the traditional home-buying season, and we're

counting on the Federal Reserve to continue its accommodative interest rate policy to keep housing strong," he added. NAR President Richard A. Mendenhall said current sales are the hallmark of a historically strong year. "We've been making upward revisions to our forecast all year, and we now expect existing-home sales to rise 1.6 percent for all of 2000 to a total of 5.19 million, which will be the second highest on record," he said.

"We don't expect every month to be as strong as March, but anything close to a five-million sales pace is exceptionally strong — we'll be well within that range for the rest of the year," he predicted. The national median existing-home price was \$143,500 in March, up 6.5 percent from March 2000 when the median price was \$134,700. The median is the midpoint, which is a typical market price where half of the homes sold for more and half sold for less.

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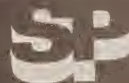
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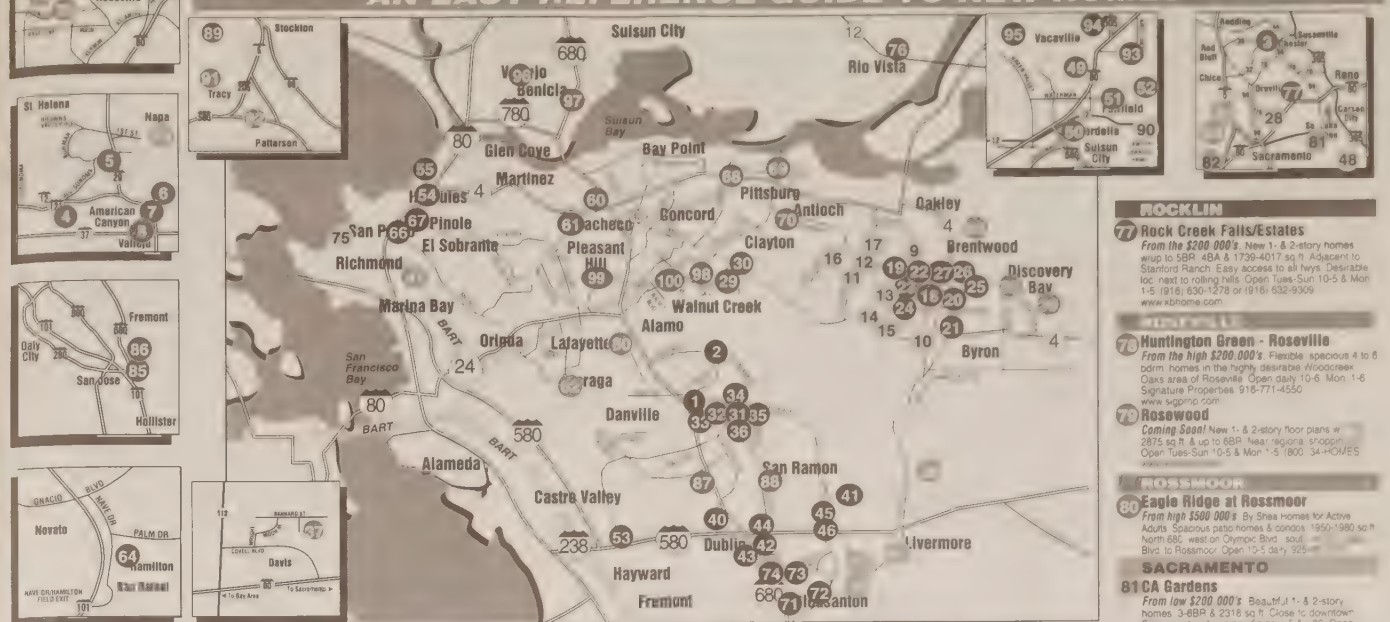
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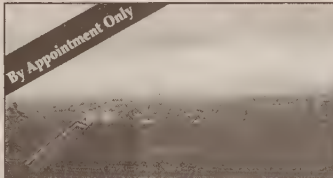
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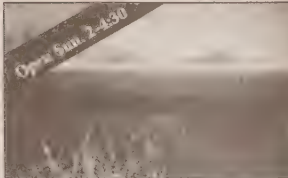
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Wonderful Panoramic View! \$599,000
Custom Hillier home with designer finishes: hardwood, marble, corian, pecan cabinets, spiral staircase, large bonus room, expansion possibilities 2 bedroom, 2 bath.

GAYLE TANTAU 339-8900 x260

Oakland

Piedmont Pines Privacy \$579,000
Dine al fresco all summer on the courtyard. Patio with French doors leading from the formal dining room or on the large deck with filtered bay view. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath and large family room. Partially finished expansion area for 4th bedroom!

HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8900 x283

Oakland

Lake Merritt Luxury \$529,000
Sophisticated, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in Oakland's most famous landmark high rise. Amenities include wood-burning fireplace, parquet floors and chef's kitchen.

TOM ERWIN 339-8900 x230

Montclair

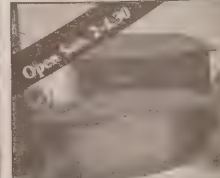
Close-In Montclair \$509,000
Large, sunny traditional home in move-in condition. Landscaped and deck in rear yard. Family room on lower level. Walk to schools and shopping.

PHIL WEINGROW 339-8900 x245

Alameda

Sweet & Affordable \$479,500
First time open, traditional 2 bedroom, hardwood floors, fireplace, garage, bright terraced yard.

KEITH TOWER 339-8900 x254

Oakland

New Listing - Home & Income \$452,000
Gorgeous 3 bedroom, 2 bath bay view home with fireplace in master bedroom suite. Studio apt. with loft on lower level. First Time Open.

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Like Living in the Country \$789,000
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LOIS JOHNSON 339-8900 x226

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Harbor Bay, Alameda \$475,000
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DAN JOY 339-8900 x242

Oakland

Spacious 1 Bedroom with Balcony \$265,000
Quiet 3rd floor end unit. Golden Gate model hill view. Just right for enjoying sitting in front of the fireplace and being cozy.

CINDY BOZE 339-8900 x217

Montclair

Heart of Montclair \$479,000
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CAROL COHEN 339-8900 x225

Montclair

Sunny Contemporary Montclair Home \$445,000
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KATHRINA VERZOSA 339-8900 x240

Oakland

Loft & One Bedroom Luxury Condo \$299,000
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CINDY BOZE 339-8900 x217

Oakland

Grand Avenue Loft \$249,000
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STEVEN BIASATTI 339-8900 x226

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1520 Central Ave. Open Sunday Hanna Papp 510-521-5475, Kane & Associates	580/4-BA	2-4	\$838,000
200 Ratto Rd. OPEN SAT & SUN Dawn Hobb, 510-814-4824, Mega Lb 510-814-4848 Harbor Bay Realty	480/3 - BA	2-4	\$748,000
78 Stoughton Bay Open Sunday Connie Hennes, 510-814-4814 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2 - BA	2-4	\$735,000
23 Lawrence Rd. Open Sunday John Bergman 510-819-5485, Kane & Associates	480/4-BA	2-4	\$688,000
153 Sweet Open Sunday Jackie Papp, 510-814-4848 Harbor Bay Realty	480/2BA	2-4	\$688,000
64 Waterway Open Sunday Wall Gaudin, 510-814-4710 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2 - BA	2-4	\$648,000
141 Cumberland Open Sunday Vivian Newman 510-531-7214, Kane & Associates	480/4-BA	2-4	\$638,000
1512 Cornell Dr. Open Sat & Sun Signe Hennes, Gallagher & Lindsey 510-746-1103	4 - 80/1BA	2-4	\$625,000
44 Pacific Open Sunday Sally Ruffalo 510-523-2214, Kane & Associates	280/4-BA	2-4	\$625,000
2801 Van Buren Open Sunday Karin Kollerberg 510-522-4662, Kane & Associates	380/4-BA	2-4	\$575,000
2900 Bayview Dr. Open Sunday Mark Wyman 510-522-5827, Jennie Spatz 510-521-1530 Bayview Real Estate	380/4-BA	2-4	\$566,000
14 Moss Pointe Open Sunday Larsen Bolton, 510-814-4714 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2 - BA	2-4	\$565,000
121 Caroline Open Sunday Tim Har, 510-814-4811 Harbor Bay Realty	3 - 80/4-BA	2-4	\$513,000
15 Cove Rd. Open Sat Ken Ford 510-533-8902/240 La Salle Properties	2 - 80/2 BA	2-4	\$475,000
1204 McConnel Open Sunday Michael Powell, 510-814-4837 Harbor Bay Realty	280/2 - BA	2-4	\$468,000
575 Sheffield Open Sunday Steve Brandt, 510-814-4889 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2BA	2-4	\$459,950
1205 Versailles Ave. Open Sunday James Edwards, Prudential CA Realty 510-783-7716	Duplex	2-4	\$459,000
5 Whimbley Ct. Open Sunday Dev Williams, 510-814-4831 Harbor Bay Realty	480/2 - BA	2-4	\$457,000
5 Rutland Ct. Open Sunday Sally Bar, Alameda Realty 510-303-2525	380/2BA	2-4	\$450,000
5 Inviolable Ct. Open Sunday Wendy Sosa 510-531-2274, Kane & Associates	380/4-BA	2-4	\$450,000
1354 Court St. Open Sunday Homes-Like Team 510-522-7780	380/1 - BA	2-4	\$449,000
121 Pyne Lane. Open Sunday Michael Shulzberger, Gallagher & Lindsey 510-746-1129	380/2 - BA	2-4	\$449,000
13 Millington Open Sunday John McCall 510-814-4854 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2 - BA	2-4	\$448,000
2828 Yosemite Ave. Open Sun, Fennelle C-21 Seattle Contractor, Theresa Wang 1-800-947-1867	380/1BA	2-4	\$448,000
200 Santa Clara Ave. Open Sunday 58 Gaudin, Prudential CA Realty 510-337-8670	380/1 - BA	2-4	\$439,000
2300 Clinton Open Sunday Lisa Grant, 510-814-4834 Harbor Bay Realty	280/1 - BA	2-4	\$439,000
408 Yorkshire Open Sunday John McCall 510-523-2274, Kane & Associates	480/2BA	1-5	\$435,000
2110 Santa Clara. Open Sunday Doris Brady 510-522-1526, Bayview Real Estate	2 - 80/4-BA	2-4	\$429,000
1946 8th St. Open Sunday Alison Anderson, Prudential CA Realty 510-337-8670	380/2BA	2-4	\$419,000
3278 Garfield Open Sunday John McCall 510-523-2274, Kane & Associates	2 - 80/4 - BA	2-4	\$415,000
5605 Savana Ln. Open Sunday Lillian Sili 510-865-8564, Kane & Associates	480/4-BA	2-4	\$409,000
401 Ironwood Open Sunday July Gaudin, 510-814-4711 Harbor Bay Realty	280/2 - BA	2-4	\$405,000
1821 Everett St. Open Sunday Larsen Bolton, Gallagher & Lindsey 510-746-1104	2 - 80/1BA	1-3	\$399,000
32 Benedict Open Sunday Linda Gaudin, 510-814-4817 Harbor Bay Realty	280/2 - BA	2-4	\$399,000
1057 Mangrove Open Sat & Sun Diane Hobb, 510-814-4824, Mega Lb 510-814-4848 Harbor Bay Realty	480/2 - BA	2-4	\$399,000
21 Dixon Court Open Sat & Sun Ruth Sowell 510-522-1175 Kane & Associates	280/1 - BA	2-4	\$395,500
1072 Camino del Valle Open Sunday Ruth Sowell 510-865-7239 Kane & Associates	380/2 - BA	2-4	\$380,000
1948 8th St. Open Sunday Hanna Papp, Alameda Realty 510-819-5411	480/4-BA	2-4	\$375,000
522 Central Open Sunday Kathy Wang, 510-814-4824 Harbor Bay Realty	480/4-BA	2-4	\$368,000
114 Bonarack Open Sunday Michael Shulzberger, Gallagher & Lindsey 510-746-1129	380/2 - BA	2-4	\$365,000
1126 Mount St. Open Sunday Ruth Sowell 510-522-1175 Kane & Associates	280/1 - BA	2-4	\$365,000
833 Shoreline Dr. Open Sunday 522 Golden Hills Broker, Peggy Trail 510-521-7963	280/2BA	2-4	\$365,000
1528 Colton Open Sunday John McCall 510-814-4870 Harbor Bay Realty	2 - 80/1BA	2-4	\$360,000
1242 Caroline Open Sunday Kathy Wang, 510-814-4870 Harbor Bay Realty	280/1BA	2-4	\$359,000
1202 Buena Vista Open Sunday Alison Gaudin, 510-521-0980 Kane & Associates	280/1 - BA	2-4	\$355,000

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2101 Shoreline Dr. Open Sat & Sun Fred Hobbs, Gallagher & Lindsey 510-746-1128	280/2BA	2-4	\$340,500
3148 Ball Lane Open Sunday Tom Young, 510-814-4841 Harbor Bay Realty	380/1 - BA	2-4	\$335,000
1011 Regent Open Sunday Lorraine Ingram, 510-814-4718 Harbor Bay Realty	280/1BA	2-4	\$330,000
1306 Park Ave. Open Sunday Rosa & Rich Thomas 510-522-2918, Kane & Associates	380/2-BA	2-4	\$325,000
606 Pacific Open Sunday Misty Hart 510-523-4746, Kane & Associates	280/4-BA	2-4	\$319,000
1716 Tregalton Ct. Open Sunday John Powers, 510-814-4822 Harbor Bay Realty	280/1BA	2-4	\$318,000
78 Maitland Open Sunday George Williams, 510-814-4830 Harbor Bay Realty	280/1BA	2-4	\$288,000
2101 Central #F Open SAT Mark Playsted, 510-814-4874 Harbor Bay Realty	380/1 - BA	2-4	\$259,000
339 Broadway #109 Open Sunday Sherry Ellis, 510-814-4705 Harbor Bay Realty	280/1BA	2-4	\$248,000

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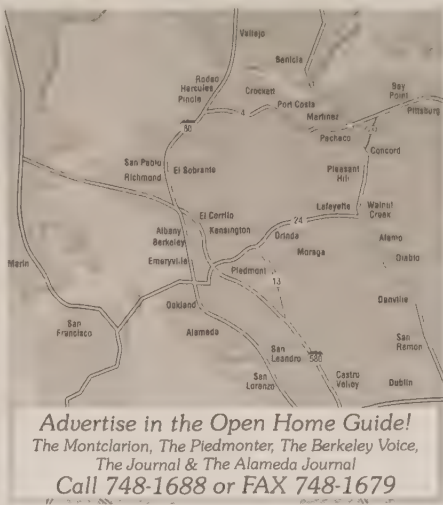
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353 Castle Crest Open Sun Linda Award 510-622-2133 mt 122, Templeton Lawvere Co.	3 - 80/2BA	2-4	\$726,000
1154 Evelyn Open Sun Dana Eng, Prudential 510-339-9290	280/1BA	2-4	\$737,500
1121 Garfield Ave. Open Sun Dana Eng, Prudential 510-339-9290	280/1BA	2-4	\$737,000
1154 Evelyn Open Sun Dana Eng, Prudential 510-339-9290	280/1BA	2-4	\$737,000
912 Pierce St. Open Sun Jean Aika, (510) 524-8888 215, Berkeley Hills	380/2BA	2-4	\$346,000

BERKELEY

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
900 Alvarado Open Sun, Claremont David Eckert, 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	480/3 - BA	2-4	\$1,495,000
1353 Grizzly Peak Open Sun RED OAK REALTY, Redditts 510-280-2189	5 - 80/4BA	2-4	\$1,350,000
1171 Hillcrest Rd. Open Sunday Miriam Williams, 510-452-0619 La Salle Properties	480/2.5BA	2-4	\$998,000
910 Alvarado Open Sun, Claremont Darin Teskey, Prudential CA Realty 510-434-2010	480/2BA	2-4	\$965,000
6850 Channing Crest Open Sunday Prudential, Anne-Maria Middleton (510) 526-5143	480/3 - BA	2-4	\$895,000
1373 Campus Open Sunday Collette Kelly, Prudential CA Realty 510-524-2526	3 - 80/2BA	2-6	\$895,000
2115 Eunice Open Sunday Paul Rasmussen, 510-452-2133 mt 147 Templeton Lawvere Co.	380/1 - BA	2-4	\$698,000
1921 San Antonio Open Sunday Gail Egan, 510-452-2133 mt 133 Templeton Lawvere Co.	380/1BA	2-6	\$675,000
1541 Portland Ave. Open Sun, Albany Broker Margot & Hal Kaufman, Village Associates R.E. 525-4774	3 - 80/1BA	1-4	\$589,000
335 Panoramic Open Sun Prudential CA Realty, Kathleen Crandall 510-945-0200	480/2BA	2-6	\$569,500
391 Alcatraz Open Sunday Jack McCall, 510-452-2133 Templeton Lawvere Co.	280/2BA	2-4	\$535,000
1510 Keenest Dr. Open Sat, Planet Properties (510) 527-3723	380 - 2BA Sun, 2-4	2-4	\$500,000
1187 Sterling Ave. Open Sun, Hillcrest Estate Nancy Hobb, 510-524-3840 Eugene Mills & Assoc.	3 - 80/2BA	2-4	\$495,000
1330 Curtis St. Open Sunday Richard Morison 510-527-7000 132, Marvin Gardens	280/1BA	2-4	\$469,000
1700 7th St. Open Sunday Prudential, Terrence Jue (510) 524-2526	380/2BA	2-4	\$429,000
1421 Cornell Ave. Open Sunday Adrienne Nale, Prudential CA Realty 510-763-4000	2 - 80/2BA	2-6	\$369,000
2205 McConnel Open Sun Warren Li (510) 524-8888 215, Berkeley Hills	280/1BA	2-4	\$365,000
2427 Ashby Open Sun RED OAK (510) 280-2153, Charlie	280/1BA	2-4	\$359,000
3233 6th St. Open Sun Paul Alarid, 510-332-4227, CENTURY 21 Heritage	280/1BA	1-4	\$299,000
2465 Highland #2 Open Sunday Glenn Kachiba, Prudential 510-325-5055	180/1BA	2-4	\$275,000
2922 Hillgates Open Sun RED OAK (510) 280-2157 Nancy	180/1BA	2-4	\$199,000
151 The Uplands Open Sunday Kurt Buchholz, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	380/2BA	2-4	\$849,000
2926-28 Benvenne Open Sun Martha Turner, 510-814-4823 Harbor Bay Realty	380/1BA	1-4	\$900,000

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965 Arlington Open Sun Mary Gray (510) 559-2398, Marvin Gardens	480/2BA	2-4	\$645,000
201 Seaview Open Sun RED OAK (510) 280-2157, Nancy	480/2BA	2-4	\$495,000
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21620 Prospect Open Sun Dana Eng, Prudential 510-339-9290	280/1BA	2-4	\$737,500

KENSINGTON

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
390 Yale Ave. Open Sun Nancy Tassini, Prudential CA 510-945-0211	380/2BA	2-6	\$188,000

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688 St. Mary's Open Sun Clyde Crist (510) 555-2906, Marvin Gardens	380/2.5BA	1-6	\$738,000

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6263 Thornton Ave. Open Sun Dana Eng, Prudential CA 510-945-0211	280/4-BA	2-4	\$399,999

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5000 Proctor Open Sun, Buckridge Fritz Hochstetler, 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	4 - 80/4BA	2-6	\$769,000
101 Beechwood Dr. Open Sun, Piedmont Dora Conroy 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	580/3 - BA	2-4	\$2,349,000
6809 Buckinghams Open Sun, Claremont Hills Nancy Morman 510-339-6460 mt 373 Pacific Union	80/4BA	2-4	\$2,275,000
158 Colgett Dr. Open Sun, Crestmont Dora Conroy 510-339-6460 mt 373 Pacific Union	4 - 80/4BA	2-4	\$1,695,000
7105 Marlborough Dr. Open Sun, Claremont Hills Sherry Berninger, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	4380/3BA	2-4	\$1,375,000
1842 Grandview Open Sun Prudential CA Realty, K. Pfaff 510-945-0200	380/4-BA	2-4	\$1,235,000
6481 Fallon Wy. Open Sun, Montclair Dora Conroy 510-339-6460 mt 373 Pacific Union	380/3 - BA	2-4	\$1,250,000
1033 Anita Dr. Open Sun, Claremont Hills Bonnie Hesch 510-339-6460 mt 373 Pacific Union	480/4BA	2-4	\$1,198,000
6145 Estes Dr. Open Sun, Piedmont side of Montclair Karen Starr, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	480/4BA	2-4	\$1,195,000
5568 Bacon Rd. Open Sun Kurt Buchholz, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	480/3 - BA	2-4	\$1,195,000
7282 Westmontland Open Sun Kurt Buchholz, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	480/2/1BA	1-5	\$1,180,000
6150 Mazuela Dr. Open Sun, Montclair Sandy Chan, Prudential 510-339-9290	480/3 - BA	2-4	\$1,150,000
5917 Contra Costa Rd. Open Sunday Hiller Horowitz	4 - 80/2BA	2-4	\$999,000
6214 Acadia Ave. Open Sun Prudential CA Realty, Laurie Ratter 525-5345	4 - 80/2BA	2-4	\$995,000
1839 Woodwood Ct. Open Sun Mary Hensinger, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-330-4148	480/2 - BA	2-4	\$995,000
5675 Fernhill Rd. Open Sun, Hillcrest Estates Erik Johnson, Prudential 510-339-9290	380/2BA	2-4	\$879,500
3866 Balfour Ave. Open Sun, Lakeshore Katherine Cooper, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	480/2 - BA	2-4	\$955,000
6845 Oakwood Dr. Open Sun, Montclair Carolyn Jones 510-339-6460 mt 339 Pacific Union	480/2 - BA	2-4	\$945,000
7000 North Rd. Open Sunday Terry Carls 510-339-6460 mt 339 Pacific Union	3 - 80/2BA	2-4	\$919,000
6040 Ocean View Dr. Open Sun, Upper Rockridge Sandra Vogt, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	480/1 - BA	2-4	\$855,000
6651 Estates Dr. Open Sun, Montclair Adrian Giacometti 510-339-6460 mt 350 Pacific Union	4 - 80/4BA	2-4	\$850,000
5950 Castle Dr. Open Sun, Piedmont Pines Dora Conroy 510-339-6460 mt 318 Pacific Union	480/2BA	2-4	\$849,000
686 Florence Ave. Open Sun, Upper Rockridge James Duffy 510-339-6460 mt 329 Pacific Union	380/2 - BA	2-4	\$848,000
6157 Ruthland Rd. Open Sun David Henington, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-947-8540	480/2BA	2-4	\$838,000
249 Sheridan Rd. Open Sun, Upper Rockridge Mary Dresser, Prudential 510-339-9290	380/3 - BA	2-4	\$829,000

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5123 Parkridge Dr. Open Sun, Parkridge Estates Vicki Woodhouse 510-339-6460 mt 334 Pacific Union	480/2BA	2-4	\$538,000
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50 Evril Place Open Sun, Montclair Mary Jane McConville, Montclair Better Homes Co.	280/2BA	2-4	\$535,000
381 Alcatraz Open Sunday Jack McCall, 510-622-2133 Templeton Lawvere Co.	280/2BA	2-4	\$535,000
492 Station Ave #203 Open Sun Laurie Strand, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	280/2BA	2-4	\$529,000
38 Morrell Open Sun Laurie Strand, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	280/2 - BA	2-4	\$525,000
3630 Montclair Blvd. Open Sun, Rockwood Heights Diane Hill 510-339-6460 mt 357 Pacific Union	380/2BA	2-4	\$519,000
3945 Waterhouse Open Sun, Glenview Marie Delacruz, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	480/2BA	2-4	\$519,000
5030 Dublin Open Sun Kathleen Verzasca 510-339-9002/240 La Salle Properties	480/2BA	2-4	\$508,000
2930 Camino Landis Open Sun, Piedmont Pines Ruth Nig, 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	3 - 80/2BA	1-4	\$499,500
6018 Balboa Dr. Open Sun, Montclair Jim Carpin, Prudential 510-339-9290	380/2BA	2-4	\$499,000
30 Eastwood Ct. Open Sunday, Montclair K. Hesch, Prudential 510-287-9003	380/2 - BA	2-4	\$499,000
341 Vernon St. Open Sun Wendy Yue (510) 763-8444, Century 21 Harford Properties	480/2/1-BA	2-4	\$495,000
4330 Terrabella Pl. Open Sun Gene Booser, Prudential 510-339-9290	380/2 - BA	2-4	\$495,000
3618 Kingsley St. Open Sun, Rockwood Heights Prudential CA Realty, Anne & Pascal Forest 510-945-0200	5 - Duplex	2-4	\$489,000
5715 Presley Open Sun, Rockridge Ron Eggen 510-652-2133 mt 127, Templeton Lawvere Co.	280/1BA	2-4	\$485,000
742 Walker Ave. Open Sun Chris Elton-Harris (510) 524-8888 225, Berkeley Hills	1 - 80/2BA	2-4	\$475,000
4375 Terrabella Pl. Open Sun, Rockwood Heights Cheryl Hargett 510-339-6460 mt 375 Pacific Union	380/2 - BA	2-4	\$469,000

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2149 Sheridan. Beautiful, contemporary 3BR/3+BA w/ 3000+ sq ft. Spacious and inviting! A 10!

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New Piedmont Listing! \$789,000
Family Room off kitchen & two-car garage add to the desirability of this beautifully maintained 3+BR/2.5BA home. Bay views, privacy.

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6018 Balboa Dr. Contemporary 3BR/2BA w/ updated kitchen, hardwood floors in serene Montclair setting.

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4339 Terrabella Place. Fabulous panoramic views from this 3BR/2+BA townhouse w/ hardwood floors.

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Open 1-4. 3240 Delaware. 5BR/2BA, 2 car garage, move-in condition!

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Bay And City Views \$355,000
Beautiful top floor condo. 2 master suites/2BA, gourmet kitchen, parking, easy access to freeways/BART.

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2025 West Street. Spacious, historical Victorian on corner lot w/ 2000 sq. ft. Some updating.

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*** Luxury Condo** \$299,500
Open 1-4. 565 Bellevue #1804. Luxury 1+ bedroom condo located in Grand Lake area.

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Oakland 2+BR/2BA Condo \$289,000
By lake at Grand. 2 balconies to lacy trees. Large LR & Master BR suite. New paint/carpet. 1132 sq. ft.

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Charming Oakland Home \$265,900
Spacious 3BR/2BA craftsman, will charm you w/ original built-ins. New bath, remodeled kitchen, formal dining room.

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Oakland/Piedmont

*** Split-Level Charming** \$248,000
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811 York #116. Large 742 sq. ft. 1BR/1BA condo. New paint and no popcorn ceiling. 1st open!

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Bay View Condo \$199,500
Walk to Piedmont Avenue, shops. 1BR in wonderful area of North Oakland. Bay views from inside & private balcony, security building, garage parking.

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*** North Oakland** \$199,000
720 58th Street 2-4pm. Darling, wood-shingle home in move-in condition. 1BR/1BA w/ 2 bonus rooms, hardwood floors, fireplace. See photos at www.escrowpix.com

Camille Rogers 510-845-0200

*** Oakland** \$195,000
4028 Bayo Street. 2BR/1BA, sunlit cute yard, laundry room, central heat, hardwood floors. Open Sunday 1:30 - 4

Amy Hayashida 510-524-2526

Newark/San Leandro

1st Time on Market \$399,999
Lovingly maintained by family over 70 years. Hugh 9,100 lot, excellent location, walk shop, many more.

Dena Dorsey 510-986-9544



*** Estudillo Estates** \$429,000
Open Sunday 1-4. 1348 Glen Dr. San Leandro. Charming 3BR/2BA, formal dining room, fireplace, hardwood floors, garage, over 1800 sq. ft.

Dolores Thom 510-834-2010

Berkeley/Albany

*** Elegance, Views** \$895,000
6850 Charing Cross 2-5pm. 4BR/3.5BA, brand-new european detailing, 3640 sq ft., view, many extras!

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Light-Filled Berkeley Hills Charming \$455,000
3BR/1BA contemporary move-in condition, near Tilden Park, U.C. Transit. Hardwood floors, fireplace, upgraded elec., partial bay views & garage.

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New No. Berkeley Listing! \$369,000
Architecturally wonderful 1940's 2+BR/2BA. Pristine charm throughout. 1421 Cornell. Open April 29th 2-5pm

Adrienne Nash 510-763-4060

BERKELEY \$325,000
Near BART, Fixer/potential, with imagination could be large single family or units. Call for details.

Edwina Taylor, 510-869-2329, 845-0200

Berkeley/Albany

Gorgeous Condo Near Campus \$325,000
2BR w/ tons of light, private fenced patio, quiet, newer complex, 2 parking spaces. Must See!

Denise Milburn 510-869-4683, 849-3711

West County

* VIEWS VIEWS VIEWS

\$618,000
Open Sunday 2-5. 390 Yale Avenue, Kensington. Step through the arched doorway into this light-filled Mediterranean. View awesome sunsets from the custom designed deck. Built 1929. Original wood trim, master bedroom suite plus two bedrooms, one bathroom. Fenced outdoor play area. Walk to shops, parks, school.

Nancy Taussig, 510-845-0211

Virtual tour www.pruweb/NancyTaussig

Park like Yards \$338,888
Three Bedroom, two bath home has separate entrances for potential in-law or office. Hardwood floors, updated kitchen.

Sharon Brown 510-527-9800

*** Marina Bay Townhouse** \$334,500
2530 Beachhead Way, Richmond 2-5pm. 2BD/2.5BA gated community. Patios, putting green, view of Marina!

Sohail Sodeif 510-466-5900, 526-5143

*** Bay + Bridge Views!** \$310,000
5929 Alpine, San Pablo 2-4pm. 3BD/2BA home w/ electric kitchen, hardwood floors, master BD fireplace, 2-car garage, more!

Logene Butler 510-524-2526

Residential Income
*** Lake Merritt Apt Bldg** \$1,180,000
729-735 Hillgirt Circle. 4 huge units + 2 extra spaces & cottage! Meticulous! Open Sunday 1-5.

Wendy Kashiwa 510-845-0200

* Elmwood Duplex or TIC

\$599,000
Open Sunday 1-4. Brown Shingle has two 2BR/1BA units in choice Elmwood neighborhood. Walk to College Avenue. Vacant at close.

Julie Nachwey www.julienachwey.com 510-540-8743

Gorgeous Duplex \$544,600
Two units close to BART, vacant at close of escrow. Updated kitchen & baths. 3BR/1BA and 2BR/1BA plus studio.

Ray Sharma 510-527-9800

*** Glenview Duplex - Great Price** \$489,000
Open Sunday - Come See! 3618 Kingsley. New price reduction on this roomy duplex with large yard, basement & more! 3BR/1+BA down & 2BR/1+BA up. Lovely!

Ana & Pascal Forest 510-273-9332, 510-845-0200

Lots for Sale
Claremont Lot \$650,000
Peter Gilbert plans - Design Review approved-build tomorrow 4500 sq. ft. of contemporary luxury VIEWS!

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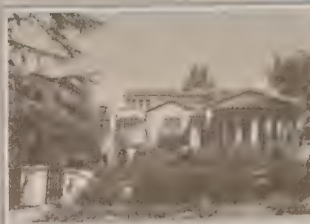
Lots for Sale \$114,900 each
2 lots in Montclair area w/ lovely canyon views. Upslope. Wooded & serene site. 873-0170/Terri

Terri Wong 510-834-2010

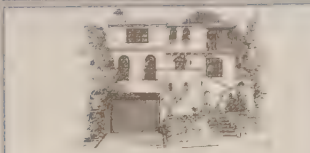
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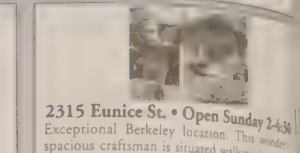


North Berkeley Magnificent Mt. Diablo recently restored and expanded. Custom architectural elements designed by architect Hiro Miramoto world 5+ BD & 4 BA, separate artist beautiful master retreat with Bay & Hills view & bath, separate 2 car garage. Wonderful 14,644 sq. ft. 1st w/ fabulous gardens, restoration that is truly a work of art! Leslie Avant x121



Claremont Beauty!

Beautiful Mediterranean with 5BR, 4 full BA office/family room & studio/shop! Large lot! Views! Bebe McRae x145\$1,195,000



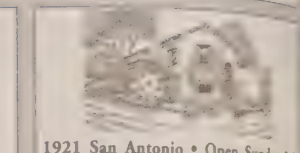
2315 Eunice St. • Open Sunday 2-4:30

Exceptional Berkeley location. This wonderful spacious craftsman is situated walking distance campus, BART, Rose Garden, Chert Walnut Square. 3+BR, 1.5+ bath, sumptuous garden, lots of character! Ruth Frassetto x147



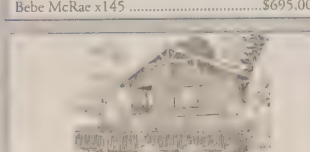
Craftsman home plus cottage!

Lovely 3+BR home with original woodwork & artist's 1BR cottage with vaulted ceilings, tiled floors, & loft! Bebe McRae x145\$695,000



1921 San Antonio • Open Sunday 2-5

Enchanting Mediterranean tucked near courtyard wall. 3BR, 1BA plus a versatile 1st level suite w/bath. Cam Eick x143



391 Alcatraz

Rockridge/Elmwood. Beautiful Craftsman! Expertly restored. Large, sunny rooms. Charming gardens. Walk to Everything. 2BR, 2BA. Jack McPhail x135\$545,000



3069 Bateman

"The Bragdon Cottage" True Fixer! Charming paneled dining room, leaded glass built-ins. 3BR/1.5BA will glow w/ restoration & T.L.C. Tricia Swift x140\$389,000

2501 Prince A charming Colonial Revival duplex in Elmwood! Two spacious units w/ hardwood floors. Excellent location near Alta Bates, College Avenue & Rockridge BART! Annie Walrand. x146.

KENSINGTON



Coming Attraction! Magical Mediterranean in Kensington. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Beautiful gardens! Bebe McRae x145\$775,000

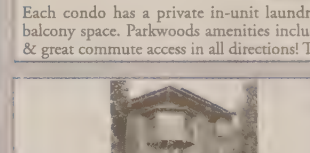
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"The PARKWOODS"

180 Caldecott Lane #316 Open Sun 2-4:30 Top floor popular 1BR, 1BA "Golden Gate" model. Immaculate move-in condition. Cathedral ceilings & flooded with light. \$265,000

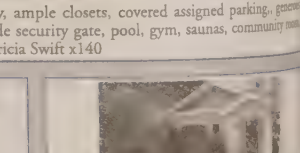
260 Caldecott Lane #101 Open Sun 2-4:30 Warm custom colors and details will delight you, in this 2BR/2BA "Montclair" model. Most quiet location. Green, leafy views & great light front & back. \$349,000

Each condo has a private in-unit laundry, ample closets, covered assigned parking, generous balcony space. Parkwoods amenities include security gate, pool, gym, saunas, community room & great commute access in all directions! Tricia Swift x140



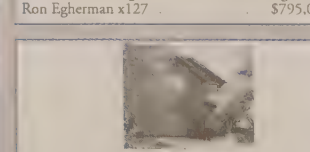
Craftsman Masterpiece

John Hudson Thomas Created a light flooded gem with 3+BR/2BA, great kitchen & terraced garden. Ron Egberman x127\$795,000



5715 Presley • Open Sunday 2-4:30

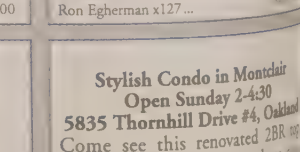
Handsome craftsman style bungalow a short walk to Rockridge BART. 2BD/1BA. Airy updates in kitchen. Ron Egberman x127...



New Listing 39 Montell Ave.

Open Sun 2-4

Wonderful 1989 shingle contemporary 3BR, 2.5BA + family room. Lovely private garden. Great convenient location near Piedmont Ave. Leslie Avant x122\$549,000



Stylish Condo in Montclair

Open Sunday 2-4:30

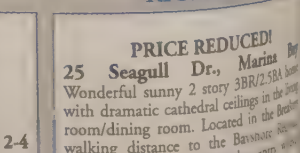
5835 Thornhill Drive #4, Oakland Come see this renovated 2BR w/ floor corner unit. For a photo visit: www.templetonleverette.com Leslie Easterday x134\$279,000

ALAMO



353 Castle Crest Road • Open Sunday 2-4

Surrounded by beautiful gardens & trees. Wonderful dramatic interior, incredible views of Mt. Diablo. 3+BR/2BA, Great West Side location near 680/24, lovingly maintained & updated. Leslie Avant x122\$725,000



PRICE REDUCED!

25 Seagull Dr., Marina Bay

Wonderful sunny 2 story 3BR/2.5BA home with dramatic cathedral ceilings in the living room/dining room. Located in the Berkeley walking distance to the Berkeley City Center Trail, it has a pretty garden area w/ private rear yard. Leslie Avant x122.....

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Panthers leap past Scots, Bruins

St. Mary's

FROM PAGE C1

"My mark was really off," Johnson said about her less-than-stellar jump.

"I figure I'm going to have to (triple) jump 39-high and 18-high in the long jump (in the state meet) to score points. The long jump leader is at about 19 feet right now."

Shameka Savage won the 400 in 59.3 seconds, defeating Martine Donovan of Piedmont who finished second in 59.3.

"We knew that both St. Mary's and Piedmont had good teams, so we had to come here and show we can run hard as a team," Savage said. Savage also ran third leg in the 4x100 relay, which won in 49.6. The Panthers failed to push Piedmont to a new school record and the Highlanders finished in 50.8, .5 off the record. The 4x100 team consisted of Quiana Plump, Johnson, Savage and Harper. Harper ran anchor in place of Danielle Stokes, who was slightly injured and concentrated on the 300 hurdles. Stokes won that event in 49.1.

On the boys side, the biggest story was the reemergence of Rudy Vasquez in the 3200. "He has been sick for a long time," coach Don Lawson said, "and it has dragged on. He would worked out a couple of days, then have to take one off. We're getting into some real hard work



JOANNA JHANA/STAFF

STEPPING HIGH, Haili Guy easily won the 300 hurdles at a tri-meet at Piedmont High School on April 24, crossing the finish line in 38.9 seconds.

now and he ran 9:45 at Arcadia."

"I'm slowly running better and better," Vasquez said. "My coach has been doing (out) everything he can to get me ready for the big meets. My legs felt heavy today."

Vasquez ran 10:06.1 to win the 3200 here, almost a minute in front of the next runner.

All in all, it was just another

day on the track for the powerful St. Mary's team.

NOTES:

SCHEDULES ... Members of the St. Mary's team will run in the Top Eight meet Saturday at James Logan High in Union ... The Panthers will also run in the Sacramento Meet of Champions on May 5, a gathering which

brings together many of the top athletes from the North Coast, Central Coast and Sac-Joaquin sections. It will also be run at Hughes Stadium, site of the 2001 state track and field championships in June — and after that comes the Bay Shore Athletic League Championships, which will be held at Piedmont on May 10 and May 12.

Scores

FROM PAGE C1

1,600 relay: St. Mary's 3:40; L.J. Welch (SM) 20:54; H.J. Shaw (SM) 5:10; T.J. Lee (P) 41:2; SP: Drummer (SM) 45:0; Discus: Polner (P) 117:4; PV: not contested

PREP GIRLS

BSAL

St. Mary's 116, St. Patrick 11

400 relay: St. Mary's 49:6; 1,600: Duffy (SM) 5:30; 100H: Shaw (SM) 16:6; 400: Savage (SM) 59:3; 100: Johnson (SM) 12:6; 800: Vega (SM) 2:25; 300H: Stokes (SM) 45:1; 200: Savage (SM) 26:4; 3,200: Chesley (SM) 14:20; 1,600 relay: St. Mary's 4:37.4; L.J. Harper (SM) 15:11; H.J. Shaw (SM) 5:3; T.J. Pratt (SM) 30:1; SP: Warren (SM) 44:10; Discus: Warren 133:5; PV: not contested

St. Mary's 92, Piedmont 41

400 relay: St. Mary's 49:6; 1,600: Duffy (SM) 5:30; 100H: Shaw (SM) 16:6; 400: Savage (SM) 59:3; 100: Johnson (SM) 12:6; 800: Lindquist (P) 2:24; 300H: Stokes (SM) 45:1; 200: Savage (SM) 26:4; 3,200: Chesley (SM) 14:20; L.J. Harper (SM) 15:11; T.J. Johnson (SM) 36:2; H.J. Shaw (SM) 5:3; SP: Warren 44:10; Discus: Warren (SM) 133:5; PV: Max (P) 8:0.

Volleyball

PREP BOYS

ACCAL

	W	L	GB
El Cerrito	5	0	—
De Anza	4	1	1
Alameda	2	2	2½
Richmond	2	3	3
Encinal	1	4	4
Berkeley	0	4	4½

Wednesday's results

El Cerrito d. Berkeley 15-1, 15-4, 15-10

Tuesday's results

El Cerrito d. Alameda 15-7, 15-4, 15-13.

STANDINGS

Baseball

PREP

ACCAL

	W	L	GB
Berkeley	5	1	—
El Cerrito	4	2	1
Pine Valley	4	2	1
Encinal	3	3	2
Alameda	3	3	2
De Anza	2	4	3
Richmond	0	6	5

Wednesday's results

Berkeley 5, El Cerrito 4 (9)
Pine Valley 13, Richmond 0
Alameda 2, De Anza 1

Bay Shore Athletic League

	W	L	GB
Piedmont	6	1	—
St. Mary's	6	2	½
Salesian	5	2	1
John Swett	5	3	1½
Albany	4	3	2
St. Patrick	4	4	2½
St. Joseph	3	5	3½
Kennedy	1	6	5
St. Elizabeth	0	7	6

Wednesday's results

St. Mary's 5, Albany 1
Piedmont 9, Kennedy 0
St. Patrick 34, St. Elizabeth 2
Salesian 3, St. Joseph 0

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Signing

FROM PAGE C1

in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League with 29 points (10 goals, nine assists) said that

he was told by Warming that the team needed a forward who could play with his back to the goal, one of Venturi's strengths. "I coach him to be playing right away."

Baseball

FROM PAGE C1

"He was pretty much a one man show," Panthers (12-9, 6-2 BSAL) coach Andy Shimabukuro said. "He threw strikes, got ahead in the count and pretty much

dominated the game." On the mound, Fielder (14) struck out four and didn't allow a batter in seven innings. He allowed just one run, a solo homer by the Angels' 10-1, 4-3 BSAL, on a 1-0-1 in the fourth.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Swimming

The El Cerrito Gators year-round youth swim team is open to swimmers 5-18 who can swim one length of the pool. The Gators' program emphasizes fitness, teamwork and offers opportunities for healthy competition. The club accommodates all levels of swimmers and focuses on perfecting technique, improving endurance and increasing speed. Swimmers and parents are encouraged to meet the coaches and try out one day at no charge. Monthly cost is \$41 per swimmer. Monthly family rates are \$62 for two swimmers and \$83 for three. For information, call 215-4375.

The Silver Dolphin Swim Club, a new U.S. Swimming affiliated team, is recruiting swimmers ages 5-18. Practices and home meets take place in the new indoor pool at the Richmond Swim Center. Practices are held in the afternoons Monday through Friday. For more information, call 528-8227 or 524-9138.

Mavs soccer tryouts

The ACCYSL Mavericks Select Soccer Team will hold tryouts for boys and girls through April 29. The girls' tryouts will be at Fielding and Beck fields on Fifth

Street near Gilman in Berkeley. The boys' tryouts will be held at the same fields, as well as at the T. Anderson field in Richmond and Cypress Avenue near Gilman.

■ Under-15 boys: April 29, 3 p.m. at Gilman.

■ Under-12 boys: April 29, 1 p.m. at Gilman.

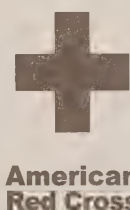
■ Under-10 boys: April 29, 3 p.m. at Gabe West.

■ Under-16 boys: April 29, 9 a.m. at El Cerrito.

■ Under-14 boys: April 29, 11 a.m. at El Cerrito.

■ Under-18/19 boys: April 29, 1 p.m. at El Cerrito.

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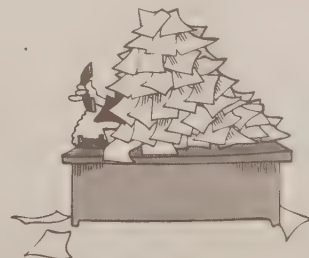
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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

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Showtimes for Friday, April 27.

Alameda County

Act I & II

2125 Central Street, Berkeley 947-843-FLM
 • **Amores Perros** (R) 6:45, 9:50
 • **The Center of the World** (NR) 5:30, 7:30, 10:00

Albany Twin

1115 Solano Avenue, Albany 843-FLM
 • **The Dish** (PG-13) 8:45, 9:15
 • **Pollock** (R) 6:30, 9:00

California Theatres

2113 Kingsley Street, Berkeley 843-FLM
 • **Chocolat** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:10, 6:45, 9:15
 • **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
 • **Memento** (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40

Century 26 Union City Union Landing

2610 Union Landing Place, Union City 487-9593

• **Along Came a Spider** (R) 11:35 a.m., 12:35, 1:50, 3:00, 4:20, 5:20, 6:50, 7:50, 9:05, 10:20, 11:45
 • **Amores Perros** (R) 12:15, 3:30, 7:00, 10:10
 • **Blow** (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:35, 5:25, 7:55, 10:45
 • **Bridget Jones's Diary** (R) 11:55 a.m., 12:45, 1:55, 3:15, 4:00, 5:35, 6:55, 8:15, 9:15, 10:25, 11:30

• **Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles** (PG) 11:35 a.m., 12:55, 1:45, 3:20, 4:25, 5:45, 7:15, 8:00, 9:25, 10:15, 11:50
 • **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 5:10, 7:50
 • **The Debut** (NR) 11:25 a.m., 1:35, 3:35, 6:15, 8:20, 10:40

• **Driven** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 12:25, 1:15, 2:50, 3:40, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:05, 9:00, 9:45, 10:45, 11:40
 • **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 1:00, 3:55, 7:05, 10:05
 • **Exit Wounds** (R) 2:30, 10:30
 • **The Forsaken** (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:35, 9:40

• **Freddy Got Fingered** (R) 11:40 a.m., 12:30, 1:40, 2:45, 3:50, 4:50, 6:20, 7:10, 8:25, 9:20, 10:35, 11:55
 • **Joe Dirt** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 4:55, 7:30, 9:35, 11:45
 • **Josie and the Pussycats** (PG-13) 7:25, 9:55
 • **Kingdom Come** (PG) 12:50, 3:05, 5:10, 7:35, 9:50

• **One Night at McCool's** (R) 12:15, 2:40, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40, 11:50
 • **Pokémon 3** (G) 12:20, 2:55, 5:05
 • **Spy Kids** (PG) 11:25 a.m., 12:40, 2:00, 3:10, 4:35, 5:40, 7:10, 8:10, 9:30, 10:30

• **The Tailor of Panama** (R) 12:05, 2:50, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
 • **Town and Country** (R) noon, 2:25, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20

Chabot Cinema

2853 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 582-2555

• **Bridget Jones's Diary** (R) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
 • **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

Chabot Space & Science Center Tien MegaDome

10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 336-7300

• **The Mysteries of Egypt** (NR) 11:30 a.m., 3:00, 8:30
 • **Solar Max** (NR) 7:30
 • **To Be an Astronaut** (NR) 10:30 a.m., 1:00

Elmwood

2965 College Avenue, Berkeley 849-0530

• **Billy Elliot** (R) 7:00
 • **Heartbreakers** (PG-13) 4:30, 9:15
 • **Heaven** (R) 7:30
 • **Quills** (R) 5:05, 9:20
 • **Wonder Boys** (R) 4:40
 • **You Can Count on Me** (R) 7:05, 9:20

Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley

2451 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 848-1143

• **Sing Fast: The Stagehands' Ring Cycle** (NR) 9:30
 • **Step Across the Border** (NR) 7:30

Grand Lake Theatre

3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 452-3556

• **Bridget Jones's Diary** (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
 • **The Forsaken** (R) 12:15, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 9:40
 • **Kingdom Come** (PG) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
 • **Town and Country** (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

Jack London Cinema

100 Washington Street, Oakland 433-1320

• **Along Came a Spider** (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:05, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
 • **Blow** (R) 11:05 a.m., 1:55, 4:40, 7:50, 10:45
 • **Bridget Jones's Diary** (R) 11:35 a.m., 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55
 • **Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles** (PG) 11:50 a.m., 2:30, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05
 • **Driven** (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
 • **Freddy Got Fingered** (R) 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00, 10:25
 • **Kingdom Come** (PG) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:35
 • **One Night at McCool's** (R) 1:00, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:20
 • **Spy Kids** (PG) 11:10 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:35, 11:55

Mann Festival 9 Cinemas Hayward

1901 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 785-8900

• **Amores Perros** (R) 12:05, 3:10, 6:45, 10:00
 • **Blow** (R) 12:50, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
 • **The Brothers** (R) 5:00, 7:20, 9:30
 • **Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles** (PG) 12:40, 3:00, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
 • **Driven** (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 12:20, 2:10, 2:50, 4:40, 5:20, 7:10, 7:50, 9:40, 10:20
 • **Joe Dirt** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:20
 • **One Night at McCool's** (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
 • **Spy Kids** (PG) noon, 12:30, 2:10, 4:40, 6:45, 7:05, 9:10

NAZ 8

39400 Argonaut Way, Fremont 797-2000

• **Albino** (NR) 5:00, 6:00, 9:30, midnight
 • **American Desi** (NR) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00
 • **Jojo No. 1** 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00
 • **Little John** (NR) 9:00
 • **Nan Handini Chana Gidale** (NR) 9:30
 • **Pysar Tune Kya Kiya** (NR) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00

Oaks Theater

1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 526-1636

• **Spy Kids** (PG) 7:15, 9:15
 • **Town and Country** (R) 7:00, 9:30

Piedmont Theatre

4186 Piedmont Avenue, Berkeley 843-FLM

• **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
 • **Memento** (R) 1:20, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
 • **The Tailor of Panama** (R) 1:30, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15

Shattuck Cinemas

2230 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-FLM

• **Beautiful Creatures** (R) 1:15, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50
 • **Before Night Falls** (R) 1:20, 6:45
 • **Best in Show** (PG-13) 4:35, 9:40
 • **Chopper** (NR) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
 • **Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles** (PG) 1:55, 4:15, 7:00, 9:20
 • **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13) 1:10, 3:50, 6:30, 9:10
 • **Driven** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 7:20, 9:45
 • **Enlightenment Guaranteed** (Ereutachou Garantiri) (NR) 4:35, 9:25
 • **Himalaya: L'Enfance D'un Chef** (G) 1:50, 4:25, 6:50, 9:15
 • **Joe Dirt** (PG-13) 2:15, 7:15
 • **O Brother, Where Art Thou?** (PG-13) 1:55, 4:20, 6:55, 9:20
 • **The Tailor of Panama** (R) 2:10, 4:40, 7:05, 9:35

UA Berkeley 7

2271 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-1487

• **Along Came a Spider** (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:45
 • **Blow** (R) 12:45, 3:50, 7:05, 10:05
 • **The Forsaken** (R) 12:50, 3:15, 5:45, 8:05, 10:25
 • **Freddy Got Fingered** (R) noon, 2:25, 4:55, 7:15, 9:45
 • **One Night at McCool's** (R) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15

7:45, 10:15
 • **Traffic** (R) 1:00, 4:15, 7:30, 10:30

UA Emeryville 10

6330 Christie Avenue, Emeryville 420-0107

• **Along Came a Spider** (R) 10:45 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45, 12:10 a.m.
 • **Blow** (R) 10:50 a.m., 1:50, 4:55, 7:50, 10:45
 • **Bridget Jones's Diary** (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, midnight
 • **Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles** (PG) 11:10 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:40, 10:10
 • **Driven** (PG-13) 10:30 a.m., 1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10, 12:30 a.m.
 • **The Forsaken** (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15, 12:30 a.m.
 • **Freddy Got Fingered** (R) 10:30 a.m., 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 8:10, 10:40, 12:30 a.m.
 • **Kingdom Come** (PG) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00, 12:20 a.m.
 • **Spy Kids** (PG) 11:20 a.m., 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45
 • **Town and Country** (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 5:10, 7:45, 10:30

UA Hayward 6

24800 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 786-3000

• **Along Came a Spider** (R) 12:05, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
 • **Bridget Jones's Diary** (R) 12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10
 • **The Forsaken** (R) 12:20, 2:40, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45
 • **Freddy Got Fingered** (R) 12:15, 2:20, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
 • **Kingdom Come** (PG) 12:30, 2:45, 5:10, 7:20, 9:40
 • **Town and Country** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

Central Contra Costa

1450 North California Blvd., Walnut Creek 934-8649

• **Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles** (PG) 1:45, 4:15, 7:10, 9:40
 • **Memento** (R) 12:45, 4:00, 7:25, 10:05
 • **Spy Kids** (PG) 11:40 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15
 • **The Tailor of Panama** (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55
 • **Town and Country** (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50

Festival Walnut Creek

1450 North California Blvd., Walnut Creek 934-8649

• **Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles** (PG) 1:45, 4:15, 7:10, 9:40
 • **Memento** (R) 12:45, 4:00, 7:25, 10:05
 • **Spy Kids** (PG) 11:40 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15
 • **The Tailor of Panama** (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55
 • **Town and Country** (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50

Orinda Theater

4 Orinda Theater Square, Orinda 254-0060

• **Bridget Jones's Diary** (R) 7:15, 9:35
 • **Spy Kids** (PG) 5:00, 8:00, 9:45
 • **The Tailor of Panama** (R) 7:00, 9:20

Park Theater

3519 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 283-7997

• **Town and Country** (R) 7:00, 9:30

Rheem All-Stadium 4

350 Park Street, Moraga 988-3411

• **Along Came a Spider** (R) 3:30, 7:45, 9:45
 • **Chocolat** (R) 4:30, 7:00
 • **Memento** (R) 12:45, 4:15, 9:30
 • **O Brother, Where Art Thou?** (PG-13) 4:45, 9:20
 • **One Night at McCool's** (R) 5:15, 7:30, 9:40

San Francisco

1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-44MC

• **Alma** (R) 1:10, 4:15, 7:25, 10:20
 • **Along Came a Spider** (R) 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:25
 • **Blow** (R) 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:55, 1, 4, 7, 10:05
 • **Bridget Jones's Diary** (R) 1:30, 4:35, 7:20, 10:10
 • **Driven** (PG-13) 2:00, 5:00, 7:55, 10:50, 1:05
 • **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 1:15, 4:20, 7:35, 10:35
 • **Freddy Got Fingered** (R) 12:40, 2:55, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15, 10:45
 • **Josie and the Pussycats** (PG-13) 2:05, 5:15, 8:05
 • **One Night at McCool's** (R) 12:30, 2:05, 5:30, 8:00, 10:40
 • **Spy Kids** (PG) 12:35, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
 • **The Tailor of Panama** (R) 4:30, 10:30
 • **Town and Country** (R) 1:25, 4:25, 7:15, 9:40
 • **Traffic** (R) 12:55, 7:10

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• **Alma** (R) 1:10, 4:15, 7:25, 10:20
 • **Along Came a Spider** (R) 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:25
 • **Blow** (R) 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:55, 1, 4, 7, 10:05
 • **Bridget Jones's Diary** (R) 1:30, 4:35, 7:20, 10:10
 • **Driven** (PG-13) 2:00, 5:00, 7:55, 10:50, 1:05
 • **Enemy at the Gates** (R) 1:15, 4:20, 7:35, 10:35
 • **Freddy Got Fingered** (R) 12:40, 2:55, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15, 10:45
 • **Josie and the Pussycats** (PG-13) 2:05, 5:15, 8:05
 • **One Night at McCool's** (R) 12:30, 2:05, 5:30, 8:00, 10:40
 • **Spy Kids** (PG) 12:35, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
 • **The Tailor of Panama** (R) 4:30, 10:30
 • **Town and Country** (R) 1:25, 4:25, 7:15, 9:40
 • **Traffic** (R) 12:55, 7:10

AMC Kabuki 8

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• **44th Annual San Francisco International Film Festival** (NR) For information call 415.931.FILM

Bridge

3010 Grand Blvd., San Francisco 415-352-0810

• **Amores Perros** (R) 1:45, 5:00, 8:15

Castro Theatre

Castro Street & Market Streets, San Francisco 415-821-6120

• **Spike & Mike's Festival of Animation** (NR) 7:00, 9:30
 • **Blow** (R) 12:15, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 9:40
 • **Kingdom Come** (PG) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
 • **Town and Country** (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

Clay

2261 Filmore Street, San Francisco 415-352-0810

• **With a Friend Like Harry** (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40
 • **Blow** (R) 12:15, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 9:40
 • **Kingdom Come** (PG) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
 • **Town and Country** (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

Embarcadero

1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-352-0810

• **The Center of the World** (NR) 12:10, 2:25, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30
 • **The Dish** (PG-13) 12:45, 3:30, 6:45, 9:15
 • **The Labyrinth** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
 • **Memento** (R) noon, 1:00, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 7:20, 9:40, 10:20

Lumiere

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• **Beautiful Creatures** (R) 12:40, 2:45, 5:15, 7:35, 9:40
 • **Chopper** (NR) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:45
 • **The Day I Became a Woman** (NR) 12:50, 3:00, 7:40, 9:30
 • **The Low Down** (NR) 5:20

Opera Plaza Cinemas

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• **Himalaya** (NR) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:45
 • **O Brother, Where Art Thou?** (PG-13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
 • **Pollock** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:35
 • **You Can Count on Me** (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30

Red Vic

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• **O Brother, Where Art Thou?** (PG-13) 7:15, 9:30

Roxie

3117 16th Street, San Francisco 415-865-1087

• **Booze-Mol** (NR) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00

Sony Metreon

101 4th Street, San Francisco 415-389-620

Reviews

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against moviegoers, a gross-out farce that fails to link together any of the disgusting events shown on-screen. There's no real plot; just family dysfunction. Boring. Dull. And shameful. — A. Breznican. (R: language, sexual references, gross scenes.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. F

"HAUNTED CASTLE": This 3D IMAX film promises horror and delivers it in an unintended way. The film, which follows the brief adventure of a budding rock singer, makes the special effects the real star, and some of these are quite good. But a film needs to commit itself to more than merely presenting shiny, rotating, 3D objects for our distraction. Either "Haunted Castle" should have gone straight for the adult jugular and rating, or spent a smidgen more time making the special effects actually do something other than look pretty. — V. Chan. (PG: creepy images.) 40 minutes. D

"HEARTBREAKERS": Unexpectedly fun and funny, especially for a movie starring Jennifer Love Hewitt. She plays con-artist daughter to Sigourney Weaver's con-artist mom. Together they prey on rich men, with Weaver's character seducing and marrying them, then the curvy Hewitt putting them in a compromising position just in time to end the marriage and guarantee a hefty settlement. Among the movie's many clever elements is Gene Hackman as an odious, chain-smoking billionaire and Ray Liotta as the trashy boss of a New Jersey shop who is determined to get Weaver's character back. With Jason Lee as an irresistible cutie who gives Hewitt's grifter a reason to change her ways. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sex-related content and language.) 2 hours, 3 minutes. B+

"JOE DIRT": Owing a lot to Adam Sandler ("Dirt" comes from his production company), this gross-out comedy finds David Spade as a plucky little redneck with a heart of gold and a muller as well. Spade plays Dirt, a janitor who's on a quest to find his parents. That's it for the plot. Reminiscent of a "Jerry Springer Show." The only salvation is performances by Christopher Walken and Dennis Miller. Truth be told, that's not enough. — C. Lamire. (PG-13: crude and sex-related humor, language.) 1 hour, 32 minutes. D

"JOSIE AND THE PUSSYCATS": The old Archie-comic-turned-TV-cartoon series has been turned into living, breathing stick figures in this high-pitched film. Teen star Rachael Leigh Cook is Josie, Rosario Dawson is Val and Tara Reid is Melody, all of whom discover that their music is being planted with subliminal marketing messages. There's a nice setup here, but the execution is poor, making this "Josie" a bore. — M. Pols. (PG-13: language and sensuality.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. C-

"KINGDOM COME": A divided African-American family comes together to mourn its curmudgeonly patriarch in this overacted comedy/drama starring an ensemble cast. All sorts of family dysfunction surfaces, and most of it comes out in the form of shouts and tears. Showing much-needed restraint are Vivica A. Fox and Whoopi Goldberg. It's manipulative, but some might find it inspirational as well. — C. Vogner. (PG: language, sexual content, bodily humor.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. C-

"THE LOW DOWN": There are instances of revelation and deep sentiment along with occasions of prolonged monotony in this tale of living and loving in modern London. Aidan Gillen stars as a man in his late 20s who decides to buy a flat, and falls for his real estate agent in the

process. The characters are well-drawn, but the movie ultimately becomes a collage of impressions, good and bad. — D. Germain. (NR) 1 hour, 36 minutes. C

"MEMENTO": Christopher Nolan's thriller is told backward in roughly 10-minute increments, which has made it buzz central among the spring releases. But even after two viewings, "Memento" comes off more as a clever gag than a piece of wildly innovative filmmaking. It's set up to reward the sharp-eyed viewer: Figure out what's going on and pat yourself on the back for being in the same intellectual stratosphere as the filmmaker. Still, Guy Pearce couldn't be better as Leonard, a former insurance claims investigator who's on a mission to find his wife's killer, but is hampered by having no short-term memory. — M. Pols. (R: violence, drug content and some language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. B

"THE MEXICAN": A perfectly engineered date movie: enough action for the boys, and cute outfits and a love story for the girls. Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts are appealing as a feuding couple. Pitt has one last job to finish for the mob, but it's a doozy, eventually involving his girlfriend (Roberts). There's a spirited quality to "The Mexican," but its two stars are so appealing and the supporting cast so strong, especially James Gandolfini, that it works most of the time. — M. Pols. (R: violence, language.) 2 hours, 3 minutes. B+

"O BROTHER, WHERE ART THOU?": The most sublimely insane and creative movie to come along for awhile is a strange hybrid of musical comedy, silent movies and "The Wizard of Oz." In the latest from the Coen brothers ("Fargo," "Raising Arizona"), George Clooney, John Turturro and Tim Blake Nelson play a trio of chain-gang escapees making their way around the back roads of Mississippi in the middle of the Depression. Based on "The Odyssey," although beyond the basics the Homeric references are fairly scant. The soundtrack is fantastic, so are the visuals and you'll want to make a return trip to catch all the jokes. And there's nary a wood chipper in sight. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some violence and language.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. A-

"POKEMON 3: THE MOVIE": The third film outing for the animated action critters is a lushly sketched exercise that bookends two adventures. The film is aimed for young kids, but adults might get swept up into the action based on the colorful animation. Both adventures are entertaining, if lightweight as evil is supplanted by good. — M. Ritter. (G: some younger children might be overwhelmed by the battles.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B

"POLLOCK": You can't beat the acting in director/star Ed Harris' biographical movie about painter Jackson Pollock. As the troubled artist, Harris is brilliant, and so is Marcia Gay Harden as his wife, painter Lee Krasner, who sacrifices her own work to baby-sit the self-destructive genius. The supporting actors, including Amy Madigan as art collector Peggy Guggenheim, are right on. But the movie suffers from the conventions of yé olde screwed-up-artist plot. And, although no bio-pic can cover all the territory in someone's life, there are missing pieces within the version Harris has chosen to tell. In a four-hour version on PBS or HBO, this might have been a much more gloriously rich story. — M. Pols. (R: language and brief sexuality.) 1 hour, 57 minutes. B-

"SOMEONE LIKE YOU": A predictable adaptation of Laura Zigman's zingy, silly little novel "Animal Husbandry." Ashley Judd plays Jane Goodall, a woman who has been inexplicably dumped by Ray the lout

(Grag Kinnear). Instead of wallowing in ice cream, Jane dives into animal husbandry, eager to prove that men are pigs. Her best example is Eddie (an irresistible Hugh Jackman). The fetching Judd displays a nice sense of comic timing and looks great in her underwear. In the novel, Zigman joked about a possible conclusion to Jane's romantic odyssey, then dismissed it with a breezy, "As if!" Sadly, the movie has no compunction about making the joke a reality. Edginess must have its end. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content, including dialogue and some language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. C+

"SPY KIDS": Robert Rodriguez's action flick for kids has a zesty sense of humor, gloriously fantastical sets and, at its core, a goodhearted but never preachy message about the importance of family. Antonio Banderas plays former superspy Gregorio Cortez, who retired from secret agentdom when he met and married fellow spy Ingrid (the perky Carla Gugino). Eleven years later, they have two kids, Carmen (Alexa Vega) and Juni (Daryl Sabara), and a lucrative consulting business, but can't resist the urge to save the world. Their latest foe is the evil Fegan Floop (Alan Cumming). When they run into trouble, it's up to their excellent pair of kids to save them. — M. Pols. (PG: action sequences.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. A-

"THE TAILOR OF PANAMA": Pierce Brosnan and Geoffrey Rush star in this satisfying blend of action, intrigue, snappy dialogue and dark humor, based on one of John Le Carré's espionage stories. Brosnan plays a jaded spy exiled to Panama after flubbing an assignment. He manipulates a British expatriate who runs a tailor shop in Panama City (Rush) into revealing secrets about the Panama Canal. The hitch here is that Rush's stories are just that — overblotted stories. Solid acting and shrewd direction and writing make this a must-see. — D. Germain. (R: strong sexuality, language and some violence.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. B+

"TRAFFIC": Steven Soderbergh's epic story of the drug war in America is, hands down, the best movie of the year. It hits every angle, from Benicio Del Toro's striking turn as an honest Mexican policeman in a sea of corruption to Michael Douglas' role as America's newest drug czar, a man too intent on the bigger battle to realize his teen-age daughter is dipping into hard drugs. We even met up with a drug kingpin and his pregnant wife (Catherine Zeta-Jones). This is a big movie, challenging and deeply rewarding. The ensemble cast is absolutely mind-blowing, and so is the dexterity with which Soderbergh both welds his camera and weaves a fascinating story. — M. Pols. (R: pervasive drug use, strong language, violence and some sexuality.) 2 hours, 27 minutes. A

"YOU CAN COUNT ON ME": Kenneth Lonergan makes a strong debut as writer/director in this offbeat movie about the bond between brothers and sisters. Sammy (Laura Linney) and Terry (Mark Ruffalo) were orphaned as young kids, and their lives have taken very different paths. Sammy works at the local bank and has never left home (she lives in their parents' house with her 8-year-old son), while Terry is an aimless drifter. The movie looks at what happens when Terry comes home for a visit and the two are reunited. Co-winner of this year's Grand Jury Prize at Sundance, this is a small movie that parks itself in your brain and refuses to depart. Linney and Ruffalo are both outstanding, and Matthew Broderick shines (as usual) in a small part. — M. Pols. (R: language, some sexuality and drug use.) 1 hour, 32 minutes. A-

Tucker

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was hard to hear some of the words. Missing was any feeling of menace. This was, after all, the eve of World War II. A suggestion of that foreboding future could have created a tension as an alter-motif to the beauty and calm of the surroundings. This is an upbeat musical, but light-hearted doesn't mean comic.

Artsbeat

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motifs, and even edible delicacies made of rose petals. But you don't have to nibble on rose jelly if you're hungry — there will be snacks available. A percentage of the profits earned from sales, as well as from a raffle (of rose plants, books and accessories) will benefit public plantings of Heritage Roses.

Musician to play, tell 'Piano Stories'

SAN PABLO — Contra Costa College will present "Piano Stories," a workshop and performance from 3 to 4:30 p.m. April 29. The session is part of "The Music Project," the college's music department series. The concert will feature lecturer and concert pianist Lino Rivera, who will perform keyboard masterworks, tell the stories behind the pieces and answer questions from the audience. Rivera, a native of the Philippines, has performed with the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra, the Annapolis Symphony, Oakland Civic Orchestra and others. He has performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco and in Europe.

McCool's

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femme fatale character into a little-woman wannabe, but personally, I'm going to save my brain cells for something more important. This is a frat boy's movie from top to bottom, and one's expectations should reflect that. The "Rashomon" angle comes in because Jewel is so irresistible (ask Letterman) that other men want her too, including Randy's cousin Carl (Reiser), an odious lawyer with an S&M habit, and the detective who is investigating Utah's death, Dehling (John

Some characters came close. This is a handsome, exuberant show. It is a tribute to the cast and Louis Flynn, who took over as director late in the rehearsal phase, and especially Ken Ray as Capt. Georg von Trapp, who replaced the lead male singer with only 10 days of marathon rehearsals to prepare for the demanding role. These things happen. They can be more than a bump in the road, even for seasoned

Rivera teaches piano, music fundamentals and chamber music at Diablo Valley College, Los Medanos College and St. Mary's College. He will begin teaching at Contra Costa College in the fall. The event will be at the college's Performing Arts Center, at the corner of El Portal Drive and Castro Street, across from the International Marketplace. Tickets are \$10 general and \$5 for students and seniors. Group rates are also available. Seating is limited, and reservations are recommended. Call 510-235-7800, Ext. 4361.

High school jazz groups to perform

BERKELEY — The Berkeley High School Jazz Ensemble and combos will perform at Ashkenaz Music and Cultural Center, 1319 San Pablo Ave., at 7 p.m. May 6. The jazz ensemble was one of 10 high school bands nationwide selected to perform at the Monterey High School Jazz Festival earlier this month. It is slated to perform at the San Francisco Jazz Festival in the fall. The jazz ensemble won first place at the Folsom Jazz Festival in January, and the combos came in first and second in the combo division. The concert will benefit the

troupe. But this "Sound of Music" company at Contra Costa Civic Theatre brought the elegant old vehicle home in commendable style. Jack Tucker's column runs Sundays. Send items of interest to him c/o the West County Times, P.O. Box 100, Pinole, CA 94564; fax to 510-262-2776; e-mail to jucker@ccctimes.com, or call 510-262-2768. Include a contact name and number.

ensemble's scheduled European tour this summer, when it will perform at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland and the Umbria Jazz Festival in Italy. Proceeds will help pay expenses and ensure that every band member will be able to participate in the European tour. Tickets at the door are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors, students and Berkeley High staff. Children younger than 12 are free. For advance tickets, call 510-594-1400, or for information, call 510-548-8026.

Free glass blowing demonstration set

RICHMOND — A free glass blowing demonstration will be at Union Street Glass, 833 S. 19th St., from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday as part of its annual Mother's Day sale. Works of R. Guy Corrie, owner and designer at Union Street Glass, will be displayed, as well as pieces by the store's team of glass blowers. Items, all lead-free, include perfume bottles, paperweights, bowls and vases, handmade candlestick holders and martini stemware. The store will be open from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for the sale. For more information, call 510-620-1103.

REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "One Night at McCool's"
- **STARRING:** Liv Tyler, Matt Dillon, John Goodman, Paul Reiser, Michael Douglas
- **RATING:** R (for violence, sexuality and language)
- **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 33 minutes
- **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters
- **GRADE:** C-

Goodman). Carl sees Jewel as porn star, while Dehling is deduced enough to think she's an

angel. In theory, all three men recount their differing viewpoints of Jewel to a confessor figure and we're left to judge her for ourselves. But first-time feature director Harald Zwart, coming to us from the world of commercials, doesn't pull off anything that graceful. We all know exactly what an opportunist Jewel is, and all that really changes in the trio's perceptions of her is the length of her skirt. If you really need cheap laughs — admittedly, there are a few, especially when Reiser is on screen — go see this. Otherwise, save your \$8 for the PG&E bill.

Events

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chartered buses to the gardens, ending with Clark's one-acre site displaying a dozen different garden rooms. Here a gourmet lunch will be served. Reservations required and space is limited to 70 people. \$125. "Secret Garden Tour," April 29, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A self-guided tour of 10 private East Bay gardens. Reservations suggested. \$40. \$8 boxed lunch; \$25 raffle tickets. Park Day School Campus, 370 43rd St., Oakland. (510) 653-6250 or www.SecretGardenTour.org

People's Park's 32nd Anniversary Festival — April 29, noon to 6 p.m. A day-long celebration featuring the All Nations Singers and Way Gray as Master of Ceremonies. There will be poetry, music, theater and of course politics. Other events include a Maypole, face painting, crafts and a petting zoo for children and skateboarding for all ages. Free. Telegraph Avenue between Haste Street and Dwight Way, Berkeley. (510) 869-3800

Oakland Public Library — Lucha Corpi, April 30 and May 2. The Oakland author will discuss and read from her work in both English and Spanish in celebration of Cinco de Mayo. April 30, 4 p.m.: At the Diamond Branch, 3565 Fruitvale Ave. (510) 482-7844. May 2, 5:30 p.m.: At the Melrose Branch, 4805 Foothill Blvd. (510) 535-5620. Free. Oakland. (510) 238-3134 or www.oaklandlibrary.org

"Free Scoop Night" at Baskin-Robbins — May 2, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Participating Baskin-Robbins ice cream stores nationwide are offering this evening of free ice cream to honor all the people who frequent the stores. In addition, Baskin-Robbins will donate money for every scoop served to First Book, a national non-profit organization that provides free, new books to children of low-income families. Free. www.BaskinRobbins.com

The Alameda Committee of Guide Dogs For The Blind Inc.'s 39th Annual Wine And Food Tasting Party — May 3, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The evening includes wine tastings, hors d'oeuvres, cheese tastings, a silent auction and a benefit drawing. Free. Rosenblum Cellars, 2900 Main St., Alameda. (510) 622-3781 or (415) 499-4000.

The City Of Oakland's 10th Annual Cinco De Mayo Fiesta — May 4, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Speakers include Mayor

Jerry Brown and City Council President Ignacio de la Fuente, savory Mexican food, traditional arts and crafts displays, a variety of community information tables and live entertainment by the 15-member, San Jose-based Latin Dance Band Mystique. Sponsored by the City of Oakland and the "Amigos" Chicano/Latino Employees Association. Free. Oakland City Hall, 14th Street and Broadway, Oakland. (510) 238-6176.

All-Oakland Talent Show — May 4, 7:30 p.m. A night of performances by students and teachers from the Oakland Public Schools. The show will feature spoken word poetry, capoeira joda, break-dancing, classical dance, and the Oakland High Fashion Show. Proceeds go to scholarships for college-bound Oakland students. \$10 to \$250. La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 849-2568

or www.lapena.org

Cinco De Mayo Benefit Dance — May 4, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. An evening of Latin music by the South Bay Latin dance band Mystique. There will be a special performance by Chilean dance artist Alexandra Tajada from New York performing to the dance overture "Lady in Blue" followed by a colorful Brazilian Cana and Mexican dances. Proceeds benefit the Amigos Cultural Arts/Education Fund. For age 21 and over. \$15. Kimball's Carnival, 522 Second St., Oakland. (510) 444-6979 or (408) 246-1160 or www.tickets.com

A.C.C.I. Gallery — "Photography, Sculpture, Glass," through May 12. An exhibition of five Bay area artists. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 843-2527.



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Mann

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was fitting and in character for Greenberg to be the first player from another team to offer the Brooklyn rookie reassurance and support. "What I went through was nothing compared to what Jackie had to hear from the stands," Greenberg said. This film, one of 2000's top-grossing documentaries (\$1.7 million) and one of the top-grossing documentaries ever, opens with an old Yiddish version of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." "The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg" doesn't take itself too seriously — just like Greenberg. This well-told story of a baseball pioneer hits it out of the park. Husband-wife reporters honored: The \$125,000 winners of the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize were announced earlier this week in San Francisco — accompanied by a full-page announcement/ad in the New York Times. One winner is chosen yearly for each of six geographical regions. The U.S. winners were the husband-wife TV reporting team of Jane Akre and Steve Wilson. Their investigation into the health risks of using growth hormone in milk were "rewarded" by their getting fired from a Miami TV station. You may recall the two crusading broadcast journalists from their work here on Bay Area TV. The no-nonsense Akre

(pronounced "Ack-REE") co-anchored KICU's newscast for a year with Jan Hutchins just before Channel 36 eliminated its news department — cutting loose, among others, current KTVU weekend weatherman Steve Paulson. And the out-sized Wilson was an investigative reporter at Channel 7, also in the mid-'80s. I recall several phone conversations with Wilson, during which he complained about KGO-TV's management not being supportive of his various hard-hitting investigations. Wilson was always in hot water with his bosses here, it seemed. These two have always been tough-minded reporters who weren't afraid of station management, and it's good to see them being rewarded for sticking to their journalistic principles. Ready for sweeps?: The big May ratings sweeps begin next week, and as usual, the networks (cable and broadcasting) have stockpiled plenty of high-profile programming. This month's sweeps includes made-for-TV biogs of Marilyn Monroe (CBS's "Blonde") is adapted from Joyce Carol Oates' bestseller) and ABC's new biopic about Shirley Temple. The real-life Shirley Temple Black lives in Hillsborough. I well remember meeting this delightful lady at the annual Oakland Tribune Christmas party. She served on late Trib publisher Robert Maynard's board of directors. She and Maynard met when the two were seated together at a dinner party on the royal yacht Britannia.

America's past comes alive in historic Virginia

The dogwood are in bloom, the boxwood is a deep green and the magnolias trees are ready to blossom. It is Spring in Virginia, and the beauty is all about us.

We are a group from the History Guild of the Oakland Museum, and we are "doing" the gardens of Virginia. We have only been into it for a couple of days, but they have been full and captivating. At every turn one is surprised by the creamy beauty of a dogwood tree, and sometimes, when we are very lucky, by the glorious pink trees that take my breath away. In fact, as I sit here in Kinkos, typing this column, I look across the street to the lovely pink that so epitomizes Virginia and the dogwoods.

Our group is made up of affectionados of gardens, of traveling, of filling every moment with joy and enjoyment. Almost all of us are retirees, although there is one woman who is a firefighter in San Francisco — and I mean to go into that more deeply with her and perhaps report to you in a future column about the life of a woman firefighter.

CLARA-RAE GENSER
Community Folk

No, I'm not going to tell you of the plantations, homes and gardens we have visited, only some of the wonderful aspects of it all. For instance, at the Oakland plantation we were met by a tall, majestic looking woman, with a British accent and a commanding presence. She introduced herself, and told us that she had been doing this for about 64 years, ever since she had come to America at the age of 30, 94 years old? Indeed, and proud of every day of it.

Dressed in the garb of a proper English gentlewoman, and full of enthusiasm for her subject, she gave us an incredible amount of information, witty innuendo and gossip. She knew the place, she knew the people, and after about half an hour with her so did we.

Then there was Stella, the guide, who came onto our coach in the dress of a woman of 1776, to tell us all about Alexandria. And, again, it was a very quick lesson in history

and geography. We learned much about Alexandria as well as about George Washington, the Lee family, George and Martha's family, and the doctors, friends and family that surrounded them, as well as the times in which they lived. (Did you know that if the door of a house was painted blue, it meant there was a young woman, usually about 14 years old, who was ready for marriage?)

And then there are George Washington's teeth, which were not made up wood, but of steel, with fastenings that must have caused him constant pain.

Of course, it is not only the Revolutionary War that we are visiting, it is also the Civil War. And in a day or so we will be visiting Fredericksburg, where time seems to have stood still. Three Civil War battles took place in the streets of Fredericksburg, and at Mary's Heights, now the largest graveyard of Civil War veterans, where General Robert E. Lee won his last battle before surrendering to General Grant in Richmond.

Thomas Jefferson, Washington, Adams and many others spent evenings at the Rising Sun Tavern, built by Washington's younger brother. In fact, the Father of Our Country was known and welcomed in taverns in several of the cities in the colonies.

And Washington did other things that surprised me. He had a special bank account, the interest of which was used to

pay for education for women. A feminist even then?? His love of and generosity to his step children and their children is another beautiful story.

On this trip many of our historic forefathers have become people to us, and very interesting people as well.

There is Jefferson and his home, Monticello, which he planned and built so carefully. It is now the only house in the United States that is on the United Nations' prestigious World Heritage List of International Treasures. We will visit this also. And Jefferson designed Richmond, Va.'s state capital which, along with the rest of the city was destroyed when Lee made his last stand against the Union.

And the gardens. Ah, the gardens. As tour leader Maxine Adams tells us, the rage for gardening that swept Europe during the Enlightenment took root in America as soon as the early settlers were able to shift their energies from agricultural survival to the cultivation of a more civilized way of life. And the gardens live today, cared for and, when necessary, restored by loving gardeners of today.

This computer and I are not getting along well. I wanted to give you an overall taste of what I am enjoying. Today is a glorious (and hot) sunny day. Tomorrow it is supposed to rain. I thought I had better do it while I am still enjoying the sunny beauty of Virginia. I hope I have brought it across.

CALENDAR

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

Children

The Berkeley Art Center hosts its ninth annual Youth Arts Festival through May 12 at the Berkeley Art Center in Live Oak Park, 1275 Walnut St. The Festival is a citywide celebration of art, music, dance and poetry by talented youth from the Berkeley Unified School District. Admission is free. For more information, call 644-6893.

The Crowden School and Crowden Center for Music in the Community, 1475 Rose St., presents its second annual Community Music Day, 1-5 p.m. Saturday, April 28. This free event offers a variety of musical performances and activities for children of all ages. Make your own musical instruments, or visit the Instrument Petting Zoo. For more information, call CMC Executive Director Elisabeth Christensen at 559-6910 or visit the www.thecrowden-school.org.

Community

The New School of Berkeley celebrates spring with an International Family Fair and Raffle from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 28 on Bonita Street be-

tween Cedar and Virginia. The raffle drawing is at 4 p.m. There will be live entertainment, including a Capoeira demonstration, African dance, Ballet Folklorico, Native American flute music, city blues and more. Admission is free. For more information, call 548-9165.

Literary Events

Award-winning radio journalist Amy Goodman speaks on independent media and dissent from the US to Indonesia and East Timor, at 8 p.m. Friday, April 28 at King Middle School, 1781 Rose St. Tickets: \$10 at independent bookstores, \$13 at door. For more information, call 985-0385.

Meetings

First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, 2407 Dana St., presents the last workshop in its Caregivers Survival Series entitled "Placement Dilemmas," 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 28. The Eldercare Service speaker talks about playing a loved one in a healthcare facility, where to find the right kind of placement, emotional issues involved with placement and the levels of care and cost available. The workshop is free, includes breakfast and parking. Registration is required, Call Alicia Shafer at 648-6252 x241.



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Arlene Sagan founded Bella Musica 5 years ago, and has been bringing new music by

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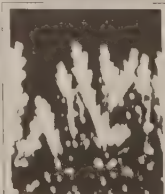
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The Book Review

TIMES BOOK CLUB

Author lets characters do the work

■ Thomas Moran's novel of Ireland is a love story that turns violent

By Lynn Carey
STAFF WRITER

I began with the image of a lovely, privileged young girl, Thomas Moran named her Una when he set out to write "Water, Carry Me." He set her in Ireland, the home of his ancestors.

"It's a lovely place, with lovely people, and they have the image of a lovely, privileged young girl, Thomas Moran named her Una when he set out to write "Water, Carry Me." He set her in Ireland, the home of his ancestors.

His wealthy heroine lives in the relatively safe south of Ireland, where she attends an exclusive girls' school. She becomes directly involved in the Troubles, to a tragic extent.

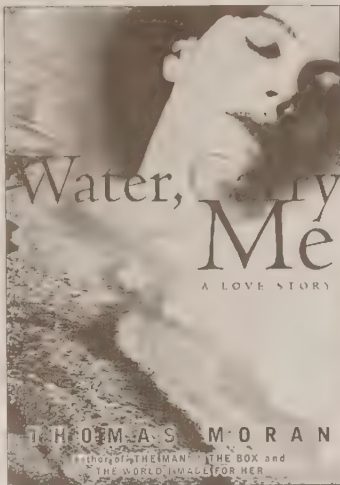
Moran says the story's main ideas could just as easily have been set in the former Yugoslavia, or Sri Lanka. "It was the atmosphere that I wanted people to think about. Una was the vehicle for conveying some of those ideas."

A former journalist for Fairchild Publications, Moran was for a time in charge of the foreign bureaus, which meant he had to visit them all. That is why he felt comfortable writing about Ireland.

"I've been there often enough to get the atmosphere authentic. I do insist on authenticity. I like the details to be right."

He was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for a series on Mafia control of the New York garment industry, which ran in Women's Wear Daily. Moran admits that reporting that, as well as nearly being killed by Marxist Muslims in the Philippines, is just part of what colors his view of the world.

"The way people behave ... we're just not very civilized, or if we are, it's some-



THOMAS MORAN, author of "Water, Carry Me," says he loves writing fiction and helping characters "create themselves." The character of Una "just sort of appeared in my mind," he says.

thing we shed very easily. It's hard to be optimistic about human behavior in general. But that's just my point of view."

In "Water, Carry Me," Moran's point of view turns a love story into a tragic crime scene. Even when Aidan first appeared on his computer, he hadn't decided that Aidan would end up being an IRA sleeper. "Then it occurred to me halfway through the book, wouldn't it be interesting to explore how this very naive girl becomes actively involved in the violence and the terror?"

Moran firmly believes that Aidan loves Una. "I think it's shown most clearly in his concern. He knows he's putting her at risk when he's sending her back; he's insisting she follow the route, the train to

the ferry, so she will get back safely. Then he will have completed the mission, which he must; otherwise he'd get assassinated."

Despite his love for Una, Aidan was still willing to take the risk, Moran says. It had to do with his belief in his cause, and "also his personal fear of what would happen to him if he abandoned the cause."

Una wasn't naive as much as she was in denial, Moran says. "Being bright and intelligent, she didn't want to face that her parents may have been assassinated in a struggle with the IRA, and she didn't want to believe her grandfather was a mule for the IRA. She moved in a circle of spoiled brats, having a pretty good life, no money worries, no violence in the

south to speak of."

Yes, Aidan gives signs that he's involved in something mysterious, but she didn't question him, Moran says. "He's her first great love."

Moran spoke from the back deck of his temporary home in Tennessee, where he's spending a semester as Tennessee Williams fellow and visiting professor at the University of the South in Sewanee. He's there with his Austrian wife and young son; they also have an apartment in Manhattan and a house in the Catskills.

Moran has another novel written and ready for publication, as well as another ready for the final editing process. "Water, Carry Me" is his third novel. His first, "The Man in the Box," came to him when he was still a journalist.

"I never had any ambitions to write fiction. But this sentence came into my mind when I was walking to the subway, and I wrote it down for some strange reason. Then immediately other sentences wrote themselves afterwards."

The sentence was: "During the war, we kept our Jew in a box."

"The Man in the Box" won the Stephen Crane award for new fiction. His second book is "The World I Made For Her."

He loves writing fiction. "It's so much fun to let my imagination go that way, to get into the fictional world. I don't know if I'm really creating ... I'm helping these characters create themselves. At the end of the day, I feel like I've been in another place. The characters are as real to me when I'm on the computer as people I meet."

All his books have one thing in common: somber endings. "If readers are intrigued enough, they'll carry the story forward and imagine endings that might suit them. I like to leave it pretty open-ended."

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Welcome to the club

By Lynn Carey
STAFF WRITER

Read any good books lately?

If the answer is yes, we want to hear about them.

If the answer is no, well, welcome to the Times Book Club.

This is a new adventure for all of us, even though the Times began the world's first newspaper book club in April, 1997. This is our first plunge into your neighborhood. But we've been going strong for four years, and we're on our 33rd book.

The Times Book Club is a great time to belong to. For one thing, we throw fabulous parties. On Tuesday night we hosted six authors at our fourth annual Times Book Club Gala at the Dean Lesher Regional Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek. More than 800 people joined us to hear Pulitzer Prize winner Michael Chabon, Ruth Reichl, Mona Simpson, Thomas Moran, Katie Singer and Mako Yoshikawa read. They also signed books and engaged in a wide-ranging group discussion on writing and contemporary literature.

Here's another thing: Your comments and suggestions aren't going into a cyberspace void; your phone calls will actually be returned, and so will your emails.

There are no dues involved; all you have to do is read the book.

We do have some guidelines, however, for the kinds of books we choose. We're looking for those you might not otherwise read. In fact, we're looking for books you might never have heard of. No Oprah books. No New York Times best-sellers (unless we help get it on the list). No books that have been made into a movie.

The author must be alive, so we can interview him or her. The book also needs to be worthy of discussion. And we've so far managed to avoid those built-in "readers guides" in the backs of books, because we've had many people tell us they find them patronizing.

Once you've read the book, send the Times Book Club your comments, and you may get invited to dinner, followed by the chance to help lead a bigger discussion in an independent bookstore. We're looking forward to getting to know the book-sellers in your neighborhoods.

Here's a list of the books we've read so far:

■ "The Romance Reader," by Pearl Abraham
■ "Atticus," by Ron Hansen
■ "The Giant's House," by Elizabeth McCracken
■ "The Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood," by Rebecca Wells

■ "Maiden Voyage," by Cynthia Bass
■ "Ugly Ways," by Tina McElroy Ansa

■ "The Tortilla Curtain," by T. Coraghessan Boyle
■ "The Samurai's Garden," by Gail Tsukiyama

■ "The Light of Falling Stars," by J. Robert Lennon
■ "The Weight of Water," by Anita Shreve

■ "Straight Man," by Richard Russo
■ "All Over but the Shoutin'," by Rick Bragg
■ "The Family Markowitz," by Allegra Goodman

■ "The Chin Kiss King," by Ana Veciana-Suarez
■ "Wasted — A Memoir of Anorexia and Bulimia," by Marya Hornbacher

■ "Caucasia," by Danzy Senna
■ "About a Boy," by Nick Hornby

■ "Lost in Translation," by Nicole Mone
■ "Evening," by Susan Minot
■ "The Museum Guard," by Howard Norman

■ "The Girl in the Photograph," by Gabrielle Donnelly
■ "Werewolves in their Youth," by Michael Chabon

■ "Amy and Isabelle," by Elizabeth Strout
■ "House of Sand and Fog," by Andre Dubus III

■ "Tender at the Bone," by Ruth Reichl
■ "An Equal Music," by Vikram Seth

■ "One Hundred and One Ways," by Mako Yoshikawa
■ "The Miracle of Castel di Sangro," by Joe McGinniss

■ "Plainsong," by Kent Haruf
■ "The Wholeness of a Broken Heart," by Katie Singer
■ "Black Girl in Paris," by Shay Youngblood

■ "Water, Carry Me," by Thomas Moran

'Water, Carry Me' makes some waves

By Lynn Carey
STAFF WRITER

AH, THE EMERALD Isle. In many novels, it's portrayed as charming, beautiful, romantic and laden with quirky characters. In Thomas Moran's "Water, Carry Me," it is all of the above, with some politics thrown in for good measure. And that's when things got animated at the Times Book Club discussion earlier this month, attended by more than 30 people.

You'd think we were all in a pub! Punches weren't thrown, but the words were, at times, loud and contentious. And that's just the way we like it. It's the sign of a good book that there can be that many strong opinions.

After a small dinner, Belinda Castillo of Pleasanton and Joe McCarron of Dublin led the discussion at Diablo Books in Walnut Creek, which was hosted by store owners Lynn Kuehl and Kim Brandt. The big question concerned the character of Aidan, Una's lover. Was he in the relationship because he needed her as a pawn of the Irish Republican Army? Or did he really love her?

And, while we're at it, what did the title mean?

Danilo Purlia of San Ramon said he was trying to figure out as he read why water was so important. "You had a character who wasn't very political, but she couldn't escape her culture of Ireland. She was swept away by all these tensions, and that was the theme of the book."

Una would lie in the waves and let them almost cradle her. Joe Delano of Danville said she must have felt that she was being taken care of by the ocean, which is all the more interesting because Una was an orphan. "In a sense, there's a maternal connection with the ocean; it sort of takes care of her."

There was confusion over the political geography of Ireland (some participants wished there were a map in the book), but Kathleen Caldwell of Sonoma has relatives in Ireland. She said her aunts and uncles in the south definitely support whatever is going on in the north.

"That was my take on Una: She had no identity. And with Aidan, she found an identity. She found something to be passionate about."

Catherine Kuss of Oakland said Una had led the life of a privileged rich girl who'd been isolated from all the politics swirling around her. "She fell in love with this man, and

while we saw it all along, she never did. I really didn't think she saw the politics going on."

There were disagreements on just how duplicitous Aidan was.

"He knew what he was doing," said Caroline Wood of Moraga.

"He was told to go deep undercover," protested Joe Delano of Danville. "I got the impression he wasn't even going to be contacted (by the IRA) until something needed to be done that was significant."

Purlia agreed. "I think he did want this relationship with her and tried to protect her. That is one of the more interesting things in the book. We don't know what he was thinking after Una was caught."

Gene Maloney of Walnut Creek had a problem with the ending. "In Ireland, you wouldn't be found guilty if you had no intent," McCarron said it was up to the author. "He wanted it to be an Irish story, so she had to suffer!"

"Una was a complete and utter idiot!" said Kuss. "She should have seen the clues!"

"She was in love with the guy," said Kelly Wilkins of Martinez. "She totally trusted him. You're not going to look for clues when you're in love and you're 19."

'A Regular Guy' was a recommendation

■ Next Book Club selection is based in the Bay Area

By Lynn Carey
STAFF WRITER

IT'S NO SECRET that the next Times Book Club choice is "A Regular Guy: A Novel," by Mona Simpson (Vintage, \$13, 384 pages). What isn't as well-known is the selection process for choosing

a Times Book Club book.

Sometimes a book immediately piques our interest as a possibility for the Book Club (such as the next selection ... but you'll just have to wait to find out what that one is).

Others are highly recommended by people we trust. That was the case with "A Regular Guy." In a casual conversation with a bookstore friend, she happened to mention

she'd just finished re-reading this book. We investigated and discovered that though it's one of Simpson's earlier books, it has an intriguing local angle.

Like Simpson's other two books, "Anywhere But Here" and "The Lost Father," this one concerns a young girl in search of her father. The man she finds is one of the wealthiest men in the Bay Area, having made his money in biotechnology. He's

maddening in his childishness, but fascinating as a personality. When this book came out, much was made of the fact that the "regular guy" was perhaps based on Simpson's brother, a man well-known in the computer technology world. And that's all we'll say for now.

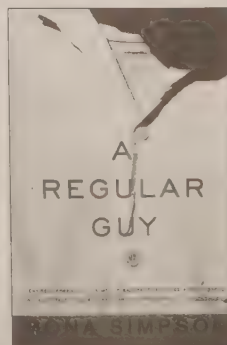
Simpson's "Anywhere But Here" was made into a movie starring Susan Sarandon and Natalie Portman, and her most recent book, "Off Keck Road," was nominated for a PEN/Faulkner literary award.

Simpson, who has graciously agreed to come to the Times Book Club Gala on Tuesday night, is good friends with new Pulitzer Prize-winner Michael Chabon ("The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay"), who is also appearing at the Gala.

So, read "A Regular Guy," and get your comments in by May 16 to be considered for the small dinner the following week, then helping to lead the discussion at Rakestraw Books in Danville on May 23.

■ Mail comments to: Times Book Club, P.O. Box 8099, Walnut Creek, CA 94596-8099.

■ Remember: Include your name, address and day and evening phone numbers in all correspon-



dence, even e-mail.

■ E-mail comments to: bookclub@ctimes.com.

■ Fax comments to: Times Book Club, 925-943-8362.

■ Group discussion: 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, at Rakestraw Books, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville. It's free, but call first so they know how many chairs to set up. 925-837-7337.

■ Next Book Club "meeting": Sunday, June 3, in the A&E books section.

■ Book Club questions? Call 925-943-8112.

BOOK EXCERPT

The following is an excerpt from the Times Book Club's new selection, "A Regular Guy," by Mona Simpson (Vintage, \$13, 384 pages).

He was a man too busy to flush toilets. More than most people Jane had known, he was oblivious to the issuance from his body that might offend. He didn't believe in deodorant and often professed that with a proper diet and the peppermint castile soap, you would neither perspire nor smell.

This inability, not just to pander, but to see any need to pander to the wishes or whims of other people, was unusual in a man who

had political aspirations. It was fortunate, for him, that he was wealthy. Also, he was handsome, so even before his prosperity, he had not been lonely in love. His favorite art was in the classical mode, particularly public art, in the form of monuments. He was as interested in the Louvre itself as he was in the paintings inside, which, beautiful as some were, and arresting, seemed to him just so many details. If a man wants the face of the earth to look different after his life upon it, he must think on a certain scale.

This afternoon he was taking his daughter to see the Eiffel

Tower for the first time. Although he had limited patience for many things, he would never tire of showing places to his children — works, gardens or even states of feeling he had known. Someday, he would show her Italy. Next winter he intended to teach her how to ski. That, for the most part, made up what he believed a father should do for his children: introduce them to the wonders of the world.

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Bayside Council of PTAs

May 7, Council meeting, 7 p.m. in the faculty room at Pinole Middle School, 1575 Mann St., Pinole. Guests are Doug Spengler and Jane Del Simone from WCCUSD Adult Education.

Adams Middle School

Adams school wide flea market is Saturday, May 19. All proceeds benefit either the PTA, school club or group of students. Adams is located at 5000 Patterson Circle, Richmond.

Castro Elementary

May 2, Pizza night, 5-8 p.m. at Pizza Roma in El Cerrito Sawayay parking lot. Pizza Roma donates 25 percent of all proceeds when you mention Castro.
May 9, PTA meeting, 7:30 p.m., library.
May 10, Talent Show - 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

Portola Middle School

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May 11, Pizza Night - 5-8 p.m. at Pizza Roma, in El Cerrito Sawayay parking lot. Pizza Roma will donate 25 percent of proceeds when you mention Portola.

WCCUSD Calendar

May 12, Family and Parent Resources Fair - 8:30 a.m. to noon at Richmond High, 1250 23rd. St., Richmond. Free.

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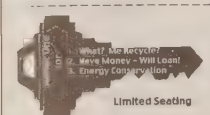
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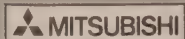
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Section D

Classic Classics Last of the factory-built convertibles made by Cadillac in '76 [D2]



DENISE MCCLUGGAGE
Drive 'She Said'

Cars require maintenance

■ Despite claims you may have heard to the contrary

People are more careless in the care of their cars than they were 15 years ago. Manufacturers must accept some blame for this neglect, because they keep harping on how little maintenance their cars now require.

First came stretching the oil change interval. Maybe your memory has to go back to the days when cars had running boards to recall when 1,000 miles was the recommended interval between changes. As oils improved, that interval grew to 2,000 miles. Then 3,000.

And 3,000 is what most mechanics advocate for assuring the longest life for your engine. (Synthetic oils, commensurate with their higher prices, go for about three times as long.)

But some owners' manuals that manufacturers put in glove compartments give a nudge and a wink and say, "Hey, 7,500 miles is often enough. Even 10,000." Carmakers want to impress you with how undemanding their car is. (And, cynics might say, "Why should manufacturers care if your car wears out faster? They make new ones every day." But then again, cynics also say that technicians push the 3,000-mile figure because they want to

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2001 NISSAN QUEST comes with a full entertainment system in the back and full control of stereo settings and cruise control on the steering wheel

New Nissan Quest offers parents peace and quiet

■ Minivan designed with families in mind

For parents who want to keep their children entertained and quiet on a drive, the 2001 Nissan Quest has a solution. Let the kids watch a video cassette.

The Quest is a seven-passenger minivan that is loaded with safety, comfort, and convenience; and the most outstanding amenity is a 6.4-inch LCD ceiling-mounted screen complete with a video cassette and rear-seat remote control.

Children can listen to the sound for this Entertainment Center using headsets, leaving adults to converse or listen to a CD through a separate sound system.

The Quest includes another thoughtful feature, allowing the driver to keep a watchful eye on the kids. A panoramic mirror provides the driver a view of what is going on in the back seats.

Before getting aboard, I took a quick walk around this minivan, admiring the new aggressive styling that features redesigned front fascia and rear finisher. Even the door

TOM KEANE
Keane on Wheels

handles have a different twist; the handle that opens the sliding door is mounted in the opposite direction from the front door handle. The Quest stands on six-spoke, 16-inch wheels giving the minivan a sporty attitude.

Once aboard, I felt right at home in the driver's seat with all the instruments quite understandable and within easy reach. After I set the

memory seat position, the settings, including the outside mirrors, returned to the preset position after simply clicking a remote keyfob.

The steering wheel on the Quest GLE is a work of art, featuring Italian burl wood and hand-stitched leather. On each side of the steering wheel are buttons for cruise control on the left and radio setting on the right.

My tester was the top-of-the-line GLE model selling for \$27,578. This model features leather seats with a sliding third-row seat. The seating has various configurations, ranging

from a two- to seven-seater, depending upon the needs at the moment. Nissan boasts that up to 24 configurations with a bench seat and 66 with the second-row captain's chairs. The flexible seating can be created by removing the second row of seats and moving the third row forward on integrated rails. By simply sliding the seats down or by removing them, the Quest becomes a versatile vehicle with loading through the rear.

If needed, a roof rack can carry

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1976 Bicentennial Cadillac has only 4,000 miles on it

In the beginning of automotive history, most every car was of the open variety. When closed cars first appeared, they sold for premium prices.

After closed cars became the norm, convertibles commanded the higher prices. Because roads and cars both improved, speeds increased, thereby spelling the doom of rumble seats.

Forty years later, as interstate highways spread across the land, speeds crept even higher, and with the proliferation of air conditioning, convertibles met the same fate as the rumble seat.

Sales of factory-built convertibles kept dwindling until only Cadillac was left producing them. During 1976, a total of 14,000 Cadillac Eldorado convertibles were manufactured, and those were to be the last American factory-built convertibles.

The final 200 were slated to become special bicentennial editions. They were identical with white convertible tops to match the white bodies enhanced with dual pin-stripes of red and blue.

The last car was retained by General Motors for museum display purposes while the other 199 were shipped, one to each of the Cadillac dealers with the best sales records.

One of the much-coveted Bicentennial Cadillacs was sent to a dealer in the Midwest. He sold it to a caring owner who babied it from the start. After the car changed hands a couple of times, it was purchased by a Pennsylvania man.

About 10 years ago, that man, weary of caring for a museum piece, decided to get a modern car he could drive. He struck a deal

VERN PARKER
Classic Classics

with Daniel Jobe, a Maryland Cadillac dealer. The Pennsylvania man agreed to swap his pristine 1976 Cadillac Eldorado convertible for a new Cadillac Spring Edition Sedan DeVille. The Bicentennial Eldorado convertible had been driven about 1,500 miles — or 100 miles a year.

The owner drove the 5,153-pound convertible to the Maryland dealership where the swap took place, and then he drove back to Pennsylvania in his new car.

"These cars have every factory option, except fuel injection," Jobe remarks. The enormous 500-cubic-inch, carbureted V-8 engine produces 190-horsepower. The fuel injection option boosts that output up to 275-horsepower.

All 200 Bicentennial convertibles featured the following: power seats, power brakes, trunk release, load levelizer, power antenna, power steering, power windows, "pull down" trunk lid, Bicentennial red piping with white leather upholstery, red carpeting, wheel covers, reclining passenger seat, AM/FM radio with 8-track, glass rear-window defogger, thermometer on left mirror, plus a Bicentennial plaque on the dash.

This vehicle also has a hard boot for the convertible top, but the previous owner says the boot has never been used. Since the car has been sheltered from the beginning, Jobe had only to replace the tires. The tread was, of course, still good, but because rubber does deteriorate, Jobe thought a new set of tires was cheap insurance.



CADILLAC HAD SPIRIT IN '76, powered by a 500-cubic-inch carbureted engine that produced 190 hp (the V-8 was stuffed with emissions controls). The last of the convertibles had every option except fuel injection, which boosts engine power to 275 hp.

"I like to drive it around," Jobe admits.

On the red dashboard near the 120-mph speedometer are an amber light and a green light to alert the driver when caution is advised.

The federal government was just beginning to dictate emissions controls in 1976, which is why the huge 6.2-liter V-8 — choked by govern-

ment-mandated emissions controls — could produce such an anemic horsepower rating. Beneath the floor, integrated into the exhaust system, is a catalytic converter. The car burns unleaded gasoline.

After a few years, Jobe discovered the weak points of the car — the front and rear bumper exten-

sions. He replaced them and had them painted to perfectly match the finish on the car.

"The triple-plated chrome has held up well," Jobe observes.

The odometer now indicates that, after 25 years, the Bicentennial Cadillac has accumulated 4,000 miles.

Jobe simply shrugs and explains

the mileage by saying "it's my favorite car."

If you have a car that interests you, write to Vern Parker, Classic Classics, 2221 Abbott Road, Suite 22818.

Keane

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what can't be stored in the limited rear storage area when in the Quest is in seven seat configuration.

With the seats removed, there is a huge 135 cubic feet area behind the front seats.

The interior has plenty of small storage compartments with some under the dash, under the seats and in the corners.

This is ideal for children to hide crayons (or, unfortunately) leftover french fries.

My tester was powered by a 170 horsepower 3.3-liter, V-6 engine linked to a four-speed automatic transmission with overdrive.

It did the job well, but the sound of the engine could be clearly heard when under hard acceleration.

My attention was directed to the roar of the engine since under normal driving conditions, the interior noise level is exceptionally quiet.

This minivan has a good suspension, and this year it has a rear stabilizer bar improving stability when I zigzagged down winding

roads.

The quiet interior is ideal for listening to Nissan's Super Sound seven-speaker 130-watt AM/FM/cassette/CD dual media audio system with a radio data system.

The quality of the sound is a

good reason for allowing the kids to listen to their video through earphones.

As any parent knows, the trip is more enjoyable when listening to music instead of screaming kids.

SPECIFICATIONS: NISSAN QUEST GLE

VEHICLE TYPE	7-passenger, 4-door FWD minivan
BASE PRICE	\$27,578
ENGINE TYPE	V6 SOHC w/SPFI
DISPLACEMENT	3.3-liter
HORSEPOWER (net)	170 at 4800 rpm
TORQUE (lb-ft)	200 at 2800 rpm
TRANSMISSION	4-speed elect.
WHEELBASE	112 in. 2844 mm
TREAD (front/rear)	63 / 63 in. 1600 / 1600 mm
OVERALL LENGTH	195 in. 4953 mm
OVERALL WIDTH	75 in. 1905 mm
HEIGHT	64 in. 1625 mm
TURNING (curb-to-curb)	40 ft. 12 m
CURB WEIGHT	4,057 lbs. 1840 kg
FUEL CAPACITY	20 gals 75 L.
EPA MILEAGE RATING	17 city, 23 highway
STRONG FEATURE	Entertainment center
WEAK FEATURE	Storage space

Drive

FROM PAGE D1

sell you more oil.)

Just say that changing oil more often can't hurt and doesn't cost all that much anyway. Today's cars do indeed require far less care than earlier ones, but that doesn't mean they need less thought. A point could be made that the longer the interval between servicing, the easier it is to forget to schedule the service you do need.

I recall childhood vacation trips broken by stops at service stations where our road-dusty Olds was elevated on a lift to bleed a black stream into a catch pan. We even had lube jobs en route because my daddy was a stickler for hitting the recommended mileage as closely as possible. Now sealed-for-life fittings have largely eliminated that need for grease guns.

Times have changed. On-board engine management systems control much of what the old "tune-up" tended to. Even if your car has a carburetor, no one is allowed to fiddle with it because of emission regulations. The mention of "tune-up" reminds us that manufacturers are now playing another mileage game. Many of them brag vehicles can go

100,000 miles before they need an engine tune-up.

"Tune-up" is one of those catchall phrases that everyone uses but few can agree on what it means. Most car owners use "tune-up" to mean: "My car needs some attention. Attend to it." To mechanics, tune-up historically had a more specific meaning: changing the plugs or cleaning them and adjusting the gap, as well as checking the plug wires, the coil, the condenser, the points, the distributor cap and rotor, and the fuel and air filters, etc. Many of those things no longer even exist in today's cars.

What's left to tune-up after time and the on-board computers have had their way? Why, the plugs. And that seems to be what the 100,000-mile tune-up consists of — replacing the long-life plugs.

Since "tune-up" is such a catchall phrase to a lot of car owners, many of them are taking the 100,000-mile tune-up interval to mean nothing more is required of them now than to add oil and gas.

Maintenance and tune-up, whatever an owner's confusion, are not the same. Cars need regular attention — if nothing more than wiggle, hose squeezing, drip checking — just to make sure nothing

is going wrong. If you're looking at a car that requires regular maintenance, check the oil, change the oil, and keep the car clean.

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Chevy, Ford pickups offer a new breed of tow vehicles

RV enthusiasts enjoy a wide variety of choices when it comes to selecting a tow vehicle. Pickups, vans, sport utility vehicles and — in the past — automobiles of all types have given those who would tow trailers a lot of ways to go.

Today's vehicle-buying dollar has to go even farther than before, and many younger buyers can't afford a separate vehicle that's mostly used for recreation with occasional family functions thrown in.

The family car also has to be the family recreational hauler. While many past vehicles have served this purpose well, the auto manufacturers are taking heed and crafting a new generation of rigs that go even farther towards being the ultimate all-purpose vehicles.

The new Ford Explorer Sport Trac was arguably the first of this new breed of vehicles that are part SUV and part pickup, with some of the best features of each.

The Sport Trac is approximately the same size as an Explorer and includes a four-door cab backed by a small pickup-style bed that's 50 inches long.

Serious pickup users may look at the Sport Trac and laugh at the seemingly tiny bed, but many pickups are mainly used for family transportation and very seldom haul cargo that actually requires a pickup. In this sense, the Sport Trac is a more than reasonable compromise.

Its cab will comfortably handle four or five occupants, and the bed

can be used for those occasional bark dust, firewood, bicycle or ATV hauling chores.

For extra-long loads, a Cargo Cage bed extender folds down with the tailgate lowered and creates a secure cargo area the combined length of the bed and tailgate surface.

Based on its mid-size component, the Sport Trac can be rated to tow as much as 5,300 pounds, which places it in the modest-to-average-size trailer capacity. This towing capacity requires the 210-horsepower, 4.0-liter engine, as well as the automatic transmission and 4.10:1 axle ratio in the 2WD vehicle.

The 4WD version can tow 5,080 pounds with the same powertrain.

Ford further enhances the Sport Trac's versatility with a variety of factory-approved racks and hold-downs for bicycles, kayaks and other toys.

The Sport Trac houses these features in a 125.9-inch wheelbase, which is a highly maneuverable size as a sensible city car.

Meanwhile, the recently-introduced Chevrolet Avalanche takes the multi-use vehicle concept several steps farther.

Based on the Chevrolet Suburban chassis platform, the full-size Avalanche is configured with a four-door body and a fairly short 63-inch pickup-style bed.

It resembles a conventional four-door, crew-cab-style short box pickup. Four or five adults can be

TIM SPELL

Truck Talk

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accommodated in complete comfort in the 2002 Avalanche, and a reasonable amount of cargo will fit in the bed, which has three interlockable solid-surface tonneau covers for weather protection.

When the rig's cargo-hauling ability is needed most, the rear passenger seat flips and folds forward, the back window glass pops out and fits in a secure storage spot in the aft cab wall.

The entire aft wall bulkhead folds forward to create a flat cargo floor that's level with the aft bed area. In this configuration, the Avalanche can haul items as large as full 4x8 sheets of plywood.

In addition, the aft glass can be left in place which, along with the hard tonneau covers, maintains the weather-tight integrity of the cargo area.

Alternately, the tonneau can be



CHEVY'S 2002 AVALANCHE is a dual-use tow vehicle. The pickup bed hauls heavy cargo. The 8.1-liter engine can tow up to 12,000 pounds.

removed and the entire aft end of the truck used for tall or bulky items, or simply left wide open for fresh-air motorizing fun.

This superb design flexibility makes the Avalanche the nearly ultimate dual-use tow vehicle. A full set of people, or a full pile of cargo, can be easily accommodated.

RV trailer owners take a variety of recreational toys and hardware with them, and have varying family sizes, so a rig with the Avalanche's

flexibility is a good investment.

In addition, the 5.3-liter V-8-powered 1500-series 2WD Avalanche can be set up to tow as much as 8,300 pounds, and the 2500-series truck, with the big-block 8.1-liter engine, can tow a trailer as large as 12,000 pounds.

Are companies like Ford and Chevrolet responding to a real market need, or are they anticipating a future need and attempting to have products in place to fill it when it

arises? Or are they simply being smart by producing vehicles that make good investments for people who have many uses for their daily transportation?

Whatever the reason, the new generation of multi-use tow vehicles adds an interesting touch of variety to the RV-tow-rig marketplace.

Tim Spell is the automotive writer for the Houston Chronicle's Cars & Trucks section.

Faulty oil pressure sender could be the culprit

Dear Doctor: I own a 1977 Lincoln Town Car 460 with a V-8 engine with 90,000 miles. My problem is the oil light comes on when the engine is hot, both in idle and in drive. If I shift into neutral and race the engine, the oil light goes out. I have the oil changed every 3,000 miles. What could be the problem?

Dear Al: The first thing to do is check the oil pressure with a shop mechanical oil pressure gauge. Hot idle in gear. The oil pressure at idle speed needs to be at a minimum of 15 pounds. A faulty oil pressure sender may be your only problem. Worse case scenario would reveal a faulty oil pump and/or worn engine bearings. You could try using 20/40 performance oil. This oil is thicker than the 5/40, and oil pressure will be higher. The thicker oil will fill the worn bearing area with more oil. I have seen switching to 20/40 oil eliminate the oil light and low oil pressure at idle.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1993 Cadillac DeVille with a 4.9-liter V-8 engine that has 77,000 miles. My only complaint is the loss of gas mileage. Over the past 7 years, gas mileage has gone from 25 miles per gallon to 18 mpg highway. The Cadillac dealer had tested the engine on the computer, charged me \$170, and told me there is nothing wrong. What do you think? Joseph

Dear Joseph: I have seen a couple of cars a week with this complaint. A lazy oxygen sensor, air charge temperature and low coolant sensor, weak vacuum to the map sensor, lazy map sensor, weak thermostat, and insufficient engine temperature — all will contribute to more gas consumption. Another possibility is the transmission is not going into overdrive. Synthetic oil in most cases will add about one mile per gallon.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1993 Cadillac Sedan DeVille in which the SSS

service light has come on. The dealer said the repair would cost \$813. The diagnosis is a faulty left rear strut. I have decided to wait until there is a noticeable difference in the ride and handling. Is this problem common? The car has been great for the past 8 years. Robert

Dear Robert: Your Cadillac has speed sensitive suspension. There is an electric sensor at the top of each strut. The electric sensor is the most common failure. If the strut itself went bad, the ride and the ride height would be affected. Struts of these late model Cadillacs frequently fail.

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Dear Doctor: I am the original owner of a 1983 Ford Ranger pickup that has only 57,000 miles. My problem is I had the windshield replaced, and then water started leaking onto the floor both driver and passenger sides when it rains. The glass company replaced the windshield. Water still leaks in when it rains. No one has been able to fix

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the leak. What do you advise?
Linda

Dear Linda: Water leaks usually are not difficult to find. Simply run a garden hose over the roof and have a second person — wearing safety glasses and using a flash light — look under the dash for the water entry points.

If you cannot do this procedure yourself, contact a local body shop to do this work or suggest someone who can.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1981 Porsche 924 with only 75,000 miles. My problem is the car is very hard to start after sitting a few days. Any ideas? John

Dear John: You didn't say if the hard start is a low battery or long crank time. If the problem is a low

battery, check the battery total amp and volt breakdown and then conduct a parasitic drain test. If the problem is long crank time, my guess is lack of fuel.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1997 Ford F150 with a 4.6-liter V-8 engine. The factory tire size is 235/70R16. I was thinking of changing the tire size to 245/75R16 to improve the gas mileage.

Also, would dual exhaust help improve the mileage? Bobby

Dear Bobby: The 245/75R16 tire is taller and narrower than the 235/70R16.

Rim width, load carrying weight and speedometer correction need to be considered with this size change.

You could step up to 245/70R16 without making any changes. If you are looking for improved gas mileage, a low-restriction exhaust, and an air filter would improve per-

formance and gas mileage.

Highway tread pattern with proper air pressure will also add to gas mileage.

Dear Doctor: I recently purchased a 1994 Toyota Camry with just over 100,000 miles.

The only complaint I have is a vibration at idle with the car in gear when I stop. I took the car to the dealer who said the vibration is normal.

I had the opportunity to drive two other Camrys; one neither had the vibration. Bill

Dear Bill: Some older Camrys did have a vibration at idle. A slight vibration is normal.

However, weak engine mounts — especially the front liquid-filled mount — loose belts, low idle speed: all can contribute to a vibration at idle in gear.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1990 Plymouth Grand Voyager purchased

new in late 1989

It currently has 192,000 miles. My problem is occasionally the engine will stall. Most of the time it restarts. One morning it would not start.

The next morning it started right up. There are no codes in the computer. What can you suggest? Foster

Dear Foster: This problem will require some diagnostic time. Both fuel pressure and spark need to be checked for the no-start condition, as well as the stalling out.

There are many possibilities. See if the shop will hook up both a spark and fuel pressure tester.

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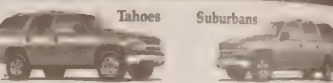
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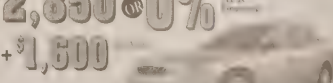
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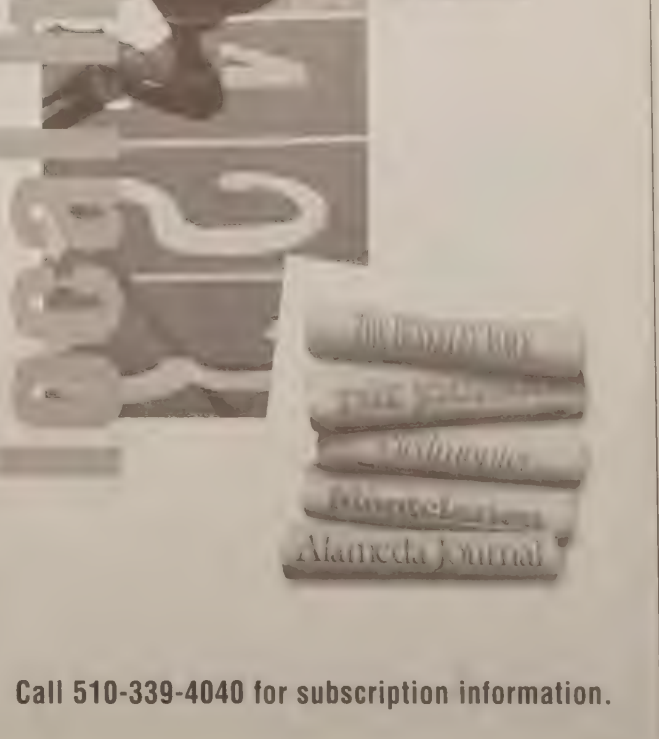
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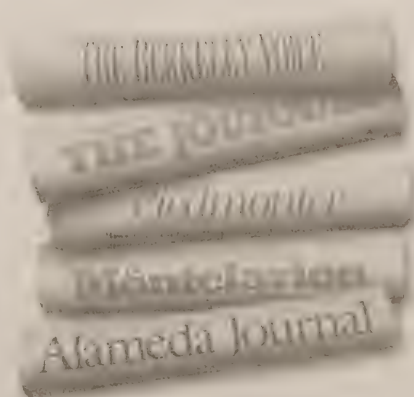
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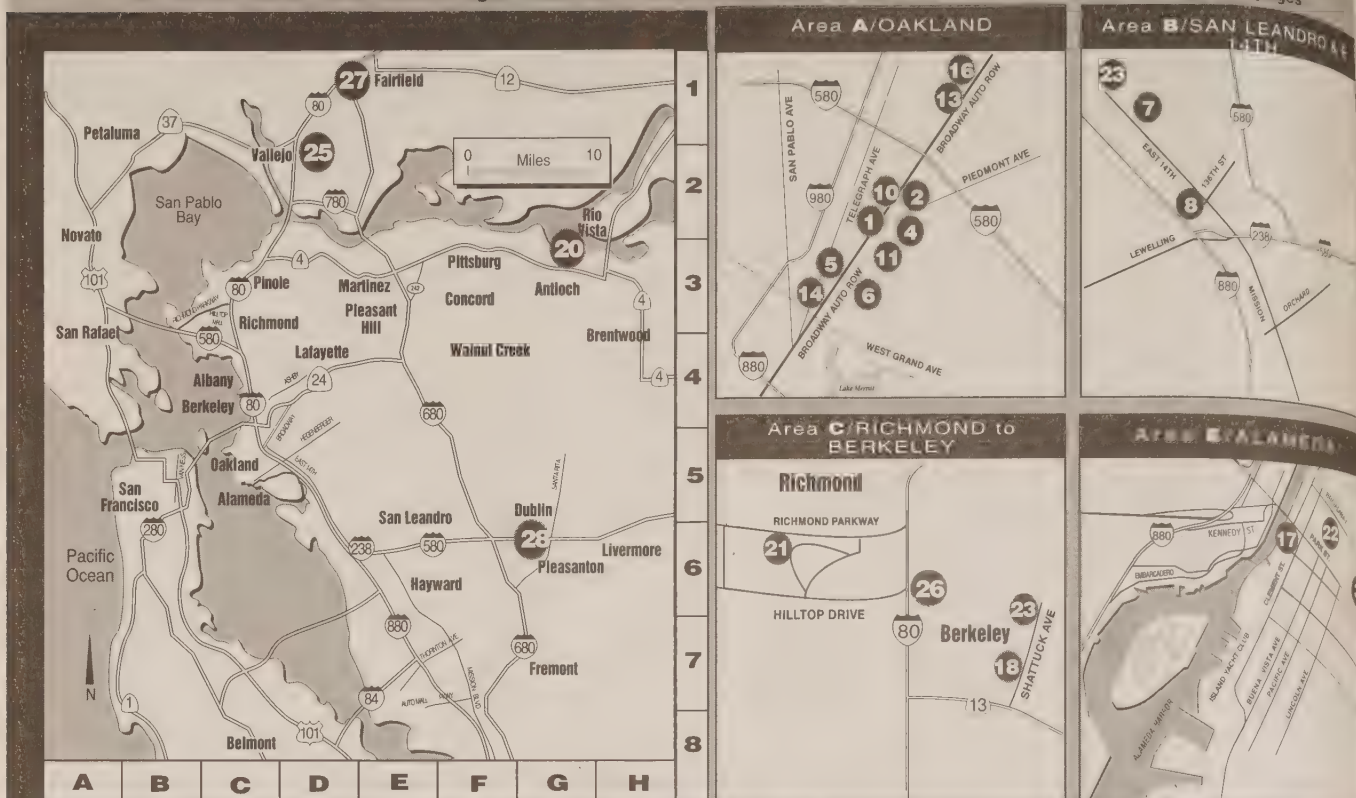
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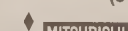
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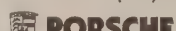
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Stockton pays homage to the tender, slender spear

BY REBECCA DEEPCHANDANI
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The first Stockton Asparagus Festival was held sixteen years ago and the instant, resounding success it met with came as something of a surprise to its organizers. Since then, it has been consistently recognized for excellence. Last year, Sunset magazine named the Stockton Asparagus Festival the Best Food Fest in the West.

Moreover, the arts and crafts show at the festival, overseen by the Stockton Arts Commission, is ranked among the top arts and crafts shows in the country. Only a fifth of the artists who apply as exhibitors are chosen.

In addition to demonstration on the growing and cooking of asparagus, the fair showcases live performances of music and dance. The headlining band this year is ShaNaNa.

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Right, a demonstration on the best ways to grow and harvest asparagus.

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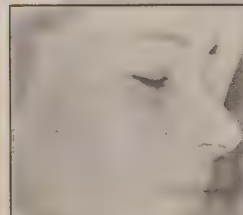
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Stalking a great spring veggie? Asparagus is your answer

KNIGHT RIDDER

If springtime is supposed to inspire new ideas, then thank goodness for asparagus.

It just began arriving — fresh from the farm — on my kitchen doorstep. Each box stirs me to action.

I have been creating with asparagus for as long as I have been cooking.

I love them all: jumbo, pencil-thin, purple, white or green.

It's a vegetable that needs neither introduction nor (when truly at its peak from March through April) much fuss to make it divine.

There are numerous ways of utilizing this wondrous veggie.

Of course, the way I remember it as a kid — out of a can and in a casserole — is not the way I know it today.

Now, I take the brilliant green stalks, quickly blanch them and drizzle them with light olive oil and

shaved parmesan cheese.

Or I might serve them with a fresh lemon-mayonnaise dipping sauce.

These are the more casual ways I enjoy asparagus. But it is a versatile veggie — equally at home in a lobster salad or as part of a simple vegetable crudite.

This crisp flexibility puts asparagus on chefs' vegetable A-list. It is relished in any dish we make — from souffles to creamy asparagus soup.

The best size of asparagus is a matter of preference.

There are times when the dish I'm making requires a more petite look — as when I seek out tiny griddled asparagus for my prosciutto risotto.

Other times I'm looking for jumbo asparagus, as when I'm making a chilled asparagus salad with a blood-orange dressing.

Some folks insist that pencil-

sized asparagus are sweeter, but the jumbos are just as luscious when at their peak.

My personal favorite is a size right in between.

How much to trim asparagus depends on the woodiness of the vegetable. Right now, they shouldn't need much peeling at all. If the bottoms of green asparagus are white or purplish, then they are probably woody.

In this case, I snap off the bottom and peel the skin lightly until I can see the moisture forming on the stalk.

Peeling asparagus also helps each stalk cook evenly throughout — especially when grilling. More importantly, perhaps, it gives them a fancy look.

Woody or not, I often take a minute to peel my stalks to upscale the meal.

This never substitutes for good-tasting asparagus, however. I al-

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ways make sure the tips are tight and the stalks are firm, bright in color and not in any way wrinkled.

In the spring months, I love to eat outside with — forgive me — the birds singing and the jasmine blooming.

Fish and asparagus are a natural together, especially when barbecued.

A grilled piece of salmon with sweet-smoky asparagus and a crisp white wine is a meal that truly stimulates all your senses.

Nothing could be easier than grilling asparagus.

It makes an easy hot side dish or as part of a warm antipasto plate.

Either way, I take medium-sized

asparagus, about six per person, peel, blanch and brush them with a spicy young, cold-pressed virgin green olive oil, such as Bertolli or Novizio.

I sprinkle the oiled stalks with sea salt and cracked pepper and place them on a hot grill—crosswise so they don't fall through the grates.

I roll them gently to assure an even light charring — cooking until they bend slightly and are tender, but not mushy.

If serving hot, I take them straight from the grill, put them on serving plates and squeeze a little lemon on them and whatever fish I might be cooking.

The fish that I most enjoy cook-

ing is snapper. True red snapper is one of the lightest, whitest and best fish around.

You can find it, or order it, at quality fish markets. It is perfectly grilling. I apply the same method seasoning the fish that I do with asparagus.

It doesn't need a lot of oil — olive oil, sea salt, cracked pepper and lemon is all it takes.

A nice finishing touch is to grill lemon halves — just grill them on at the last minute.

I put the fish on a nice rack and the asparagus across the top of the fish. I put it down in the middle of the table to eat and enjoy. Primavera at last!

Cat Cora is the executive chef at Postino in Lafayette.

Asparagus

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three passengers. You can also pose for photos with Lassie or see the Budweiser Clydesdales clomping by.

See the box below for details or visit www.asparagusfest.com.

From the California Asparagus Commission (www.calasparagus.com), here are some recipes:

Roll Steak Stuffed with California Asparagus

3 to 4 lb. flank steak, butterflied, opened
1 lb. fresh asparagus
2 tablespoons horseradish
2 tablespoons minced garlic
Spread 2 tbs. horseradish and 2 tbs. minced garlic on the steak. Arrange spears in a single row over spread. Roll tightly and tie. Roast in oven at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Remove from oven and let stand 10 minutes before slicing.

Asparagus Guacamole

4 cups (1 lb.) cut, trimmed, fresh asparagus or 4 cups (2 pkg. 10 oz. Each) frozen, cut Asparagus

1 small garlic clove, minced
2 tsp. lime juice
¼ cup canned, chopped green chilis
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. cumin
2 tbs. finely chopped onion
½ cup chopped, seeded tomato
Cook asparagus in small amount of water until tender. Drain well and cool. In a food processor, process asparagus and next five ingredients until mixture is smooth (30 seconds).

Scrape bowl frequently. Remove from food processor and stir in onion and tomato. Chill thoroughly before serving with tortilla chips, cut vegetables, chicken or seafood.

Fresh Asparagus Baked in Wine Sauce

Put cooked asparagus in shallow buttered baking dish.
Melt ¼ cup butter, add ¼ cup white wine, ½ tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper.
Pour over asparagus and sprinkle the top with ½ cup Parmesan cheese. Bake uncovered at 425 degrees for 15 min.

Chicken Oriental

4 tbs. salad oil

1 med. onion, sliced
¼ tsp. pepper
2 tbs. sugar 1 lb. boneless chicken (white or dark meat)
1 red or green bell pepper thinly sliced
½ lb. jumbo asparagus
2 tbs. soy sauce
Heat the oil in a Chinese wok or electric skillet. Cut the chicken into one-inch chunks and stir-fry until done. Remove from wok and set aside.

Cut the jumbo asparagus into two-inch strips. Add the remaining onion, bell pepper, pepper and sugar cook, stirring until the vegetables are crisp-tender.

Add the asparagus, then the chicken. Sprinkle with soy sauce cover and cook until mixture begins to steam.

Reduce the heat and simmer for about 12 minutes. Serve over rice. Makes 6 servings.

California Spring Jumbo Asparagus, Papaya, Shrimp and Pasta Salad

1 lb. jumbo asparagus
1 med. papaya halved, seeded and peeled
½ cup light sour cream
¼ cup papaya or mango nectar
1 ½ tbs. bottled mango chutney, grated peel of ½ lemon
6 oz. dry fusilli, rotelle or other curly pasta, cooked, rinsed and drained (about 3 cups cooked)
½ lb. small shelled and cooked shrimp
¼ cup green onions
8 Boston or bibb lettuce leaves.
Trim or break off jumbo asparagus spears at the tender point and rinse. In a large skillet, cook asparagus until crisp-tender, about 3 to 5 minutes. Do not overcook. Drain and rinse under cold water. Chill and set aside 12 spears.

Cut remaining asparagus into 1 inch pieces. Remove seeds and cut half of papaya into eight 12 thin, lengthwise slices. Chill. Cut remaining half into bite-size pieces.

In large bowl, combine sour cream, nectar, chutney and lemon peel. Add cooled pasta, mix well. Stir in asparagus and papaya pieces, shrimp and green onions. Chill briefly.

To serve, spoon pasta mixture on lettuce leaves and arrange papaya and asparagus spears. Garnish with lemon twists or wedges and fresh mint, if desired.

Fresh Asparagus Casserole Bake

1 ½ cup water
1 ½ cup chicken stock
1 tsp. salt
1 lb. asparagus
2 tbs. butter
1 small onion
3 cloves minced garlic

1 cup uncooked long grain rice
½ cup diced red bell pepper
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
Mix all ingredients, pour into 2 quart casserole and cover. Bake in oven at 400 degrees for 20 minutes. Stir and then bake another 20 minutes.

Steamed Fresh Asparagus with Red Pepper Sauce

Sauté finely chopped red bell pepper and red onion in 2 tbs. butter. Add 1 can chicken stock and simmer for 5 minutes. Put into blender and puree. Pour back into pan and thicken with corn starch and water mixture to desired consistency.

Springtime Stir-Fry with Scallops and Jumbo Asparagus

¾ lb. fresh asparagus
¼ cup reduced sodium-chicken broth
1 tbs. cornstarch
1 tsp. light soy sauce
1 tsp. sesame oil
¾ lb. sea scallops
1 cup sliced button mushrooms or 3 to 4 oyster mushrooms
1 med. clove garlic
1 cup cherry tomato halves
2-3 thin green onions
2 cups hot cooked rice (no salt added)

Trim or break off asparagus spears at tender point. Rinse and cut into two-inch diagonal pieces. Cook asparagus until crisp-tender, about 3 to 5 minutes. Do not overcook.

Drain and rinse under cold water. Combine chicken broth, cornstarch and soy sauce and set aside. Stir-fry halved scallops and mushrooms in oil with garlic until scallops are just cooked through, about 4 minutes. Stir in cornstarch mixture.

Cook, stirring, until sauce thickens. Add drained asparagus, tomatoes and green onions heat. Pepper to taste. Serve over rice. Makes 4 servings

Sesame Asparagus Salad

2 lb. fresh asparagus cut into 1 ½" pieces
Cover in salted boiling water. Cook until tender. Rinse immediately in cold water to stop cooking process. Pat dry.
Mix 4 tsp. soy sauce,
1 tsp. honey,
2 tsp. sesame seed oil,
2 tbs. toasted sesame seeds and pour over asparagus. Chill 30 minutes and serve.

Asparagus Polonaise

2 lb. fresh asparagus
6 tbs. butter
¼ cup dry bread crumbs
1 large hard cooked egg, chopped
1 tbs. lemon juice

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¼ cup chopped parsley
Melt butter in sauce pan. Add bread crumbs and sauté to a light brown. Cook asparagus in 1 cup boiling water until tender. Drain. Sprinkle bread crumbs over asparagus, top with remaining ingredients.

Makes 4 Servings

Stockton Asparagus Festival Bisque

¾ cup butter
¾ cup flour
2 quarts whole milk
1 cup chicken stock (bouillon cube)
1 bay leaf
1 tsp. each white pepper and salt
3 cups cooked asparagus cut into ½ inch pieces
Instant potatoes (use to thicken bisque if necessary)
In stock pot, melt butter, add flour, stirring occasionally so mixture doesn't burn. Add 1 quart milk slowly to roux, stirring constantly. When combined and thickened.

add remaining milk and stock. Add bay leaf, pepper and asparagus and cook 1 hour.

To serve, top bisque with sourdough croutons and a dollop of sour cream. Yield: 1 gallon.

Stockton Asparagus Festival's Deep Fried Asparagus

¾ cup cornstarch
¾ cup flour
1 tsp. each salt and baking powder
¼ tsp. each white pepper and salt, and baking soda
2 egg whites
¾ cup cold, flat beer
3 lbs. asparagus trimmed to 12 inches
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Mix all ingredients except asparagus and oil in a bowl. Wire whisk until well blended. Asparagus individually in the oil and deep-fry them in 3 inches of peanut oil for 2 minutes or until golden brown.

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Breakfast

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plus additional for the pan
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
3 extra-large eggs, at room temperature
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 1/4 cups sour cream

For the streusel:
3/4 cup packed light brown sugar
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
3 tablespoons unsalted butter, cold, cut into pieces

3/4 cup chopped walnuts (optional)
For the glaze:
1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
2 tablespoons maple syrup

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Butter and flour a 10-inch Bundt (tube) pan, tapping to remove the excess flour.

For the cake: In a medium bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Set aside.

In a large bowl with an electric mixer on medium speed, beat the butter and granulated sugar until light, 4 to 5 minutes.

Add the eggs, 1 at a time, beating until incorporated after each addition.

Add the vanilla and sour cream and beat until incorporated. Reduce the speed to low, add the flour mix-

ture and mix just until combined. Using a wooden spoon, mix to ensure the flour mixture is completely combined.

For the streusel: In a medium bowl, combine the brown sugar, flour, cinnamon, salt and butter, using your fingers to pinch it together to form a crumble. Add the walnuts, if using, and mix to combine.

Spoon half of the reserved cake batter into the prepared pan.

Using a knife, spread it evenly. Sprinkle with 3/4 cup streusel. Spoon the remaining batter over the top, spreading it evenly, and scatter the remaining streusel over the top.

Bake the cake in the preheated oven for 50 to 60 minutes, until a tester inserted in the center comes out clean.

Transfer the pan to a wire rack to cool for at least 30 minutes. Carefully transfer the cake, streusel-side up, onto a serving plate.

For the glaze: In a large bowl, whisk together the confectioners' sugar and maple syrup, adding a few drops of water if necessary, until it forms a runny glaze.

Using a fork or spoon, drizzle as much glaze as you like over the cake.

Per serving (based on 10): 563 calories, 6 g protein, 80 g carbohydrates, 25 g fat, 124 mg cholesterol, 15 gm saturated fat, 373 mg sodium, 1 gm dietary fiber

Tropical Smoothies

(8 servings)
I serve these smoothies instead of orange juice for Sunday breakfast.

You can substitute raspberries for the mango and papaya to make banana-raspberry smoothies.

When mangoes and papayas are ripe, they smell ripe.

The mango and papaya should also be soft to the touch and the banana a nice yellow with brown speckles.

2 mangoes, peeled, seeded and chopped (about 1 1/2 cups)
2 papayas, peeled, seeded and chopped (about 3 cups)
3 ripe bananas, sliced

3/4 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
1 1/2 cups skim milk
3/4 cup nonfat yogurt

1 tablespoon honey
1 1/2 cups water
6 cups ice

In a blender, combine 1/2 cup of the mango, 1 cup of the papaya, 1 banana, 1/4 cup of the orange juice, 1/2 cup of the milk, 1/4 cup of the yogurt, 1 teaspoon of the honey, 1/2 cup of the water and 2 cups of the ice and process until smooth. Transfer to a pitcher and refrigerate. Repeat twice more. Serve immediately.

Per serving: 151 calories, 4 g protein, 35 g carbohydrates, 1 g fat, 1 mg cholesterol, trace saturated

fat, 45 mg sodium, 3 gm dietary fiber

Raspberry Butter

(Makes 1 cup)
8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature
1/2 cup raspberry preserves
1/8 teaspoon kosher salt

Using an electric mixer, beat the butter, preserves and salt until combined. Serve at room temperature.

Per 1-tablespoon serving: 78 calories, trace protein, 6 g carbohydrates, 6 g fat, 16 mg cholesterol, 4 g saturated fat, 22 mg sodium, trace dietary fiber.

Cinnamon Honey Butter

(Makes 3/4 cup)
Clover honey is from bees that visit only clover, lavender honey is from bees that visit only lavender flowers. Single-flower honeys are usually the best quality.

4 ounces (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature
3 tablespoons honey
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon kosher salt

Using an electric mixer, beat the butter, honey, cinnamon and salt until combined. Serve at room temperature.

Per 1-tablespoon serving: 88 calories, trace protein, 4 gm carbohydrates, 8 g fat, 22 mg cholesterol, 5 gm saturated fat, 25 mg sodium, trace dietary fiber.

THE FOOD GODDESS

Do not spray misters for me

BY THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION STAFF
COX NEWS SERVICE

Q: Does anyone else hate those rain machines that "mist" vegetables in the grocery store as much as I do?

Either the produce managers were sold a bill of goods by the manufacturers of these devices, who convinced them that consumers really prefer buying wet vegetables so they can have the extra step of drying and repackaging unless they're to be used immediately, or it's a plot . . .

A: We interrupt Katharine Geier's multi-part question with a figurative bucket of cold water.

Hers is a litany of concerns, most of which your Food Goddess had not yet pondered.

Previously, in fact, F.G.'s annoyance had been merely that unheralded blasts of cold spray did a number on her crushed velvet robes.

Well, it is true that more

She has misted any good produce that it could be we get of a very expensive leaf lettuces sold by the pound.

than once since supermarket began installing automatic misting equipment in the mid-'80s, she has seen any good produce that purpose was to add weight of wildly expensive lettuces sold by the pound.

But then the '80s ended and she mellowed. Today, with an estimated 10 percent of all produce in the United States being sold using automatic misting

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What's asparagus without sauce?

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Blender Hollandaise

3 egg yolks at room temperature
1 1/8 tablespoons lemon juice
3/4 cup butter or margarine
1 tablespoon hot water
1/4 teaspoon salt
Dash of cayenne
1 teaspoon prepared mustard
Combine egg yolks and lemon juice in the blender.
Melt butter and heat until it bubbles — don't brown. Add 1 tablespoon hot water to egg yolks and lemon juice; turn blender on high speed and immediately pour in the hot butter in a steady stream (this should take about five seconds).
Add salt, cayenne and mustard, whirl until well blended — about 30 seconds.
Makes about 2 cups sauce.

Double-Boiler Hollandaise

You may prefer this curdle-

proof recipe because it utilizes whole eggs rather than just the egg yolks as most Hollandaise recipes do.

Serve over asparagus, green beans, broccoli or cabbage wedges, or as a dipping sauce for artichokes.

1/4 lb. butter or margarine
2 eggs
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/8 teaspoon cayenne
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup hot water

Melt butter in top of double boiler.
Beat eggs until blended and gradually pour the hot butter over the eggs, beating constantly with a wire whip.

Return butter-egg mixture to top of double boiler and, stirring, cook over hot water until thickened.

Add lemon juice, cayenne, salt and hot water and stir until blended.
Makes 1 cup sauce.

Goddess

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easier to remember that as produce sits in store bins it is losing moisture — and thus water weight — which the produce misters are replenishing, much like store employees had before automation.

One way or another, misting means the produce stays attractive and fresher longer so there's less waste, and — by trickle-down logic — that means lower prices.

According to the Food Marketing Institute, customers say they choose their grocery store based on these factors: the produce section, the meat section and store's general cleanliness.

This year, in its annual report to be released next month, produce is the customer's priority No. 1.

"Obviously, retailers want their produce section to be the premier attraction and the misting machines help give the produce a fresh look and also that feel, as the consumer goes by.

It gives them a certain assur-

ance that the produce is fresh," says institute spokesman Todd Hultquist.

It is considered a strategic investment, he said. "They wouldn't be doing it if the cost was more than the benefit gained."

In fact, industry leader KES Science & Technology, based in Kennesaw, says automatic produce misting systems are so accepted, the company doesn't even have to educate store managers about cost effectiveness. Further, since they've been around more than 15 years, the cost of the systems has become "definitely affordable," according to KES marketing director Kris Morlan.

The Produce Marketing Association, however, raises a customer objection in addition to yours, Katharine, citing research showing that most customers just don't like it when the misters get in their hands wet.

In response, some stores sound alerts just before the misters spray, including KES' patented Misty Tunes — such as thunder and lightning effects used as misting alerts. Others provide paper towels. Rarest of all, some continue to rely on the time-hon-

ored tradition of having store employees mist the "wet produce" by hand.

But as always, if you do not like automatic misters, you have a duty to tell the store manager about your concerns and to tell them why you will be taking your business elsewhere.

RECIPE SWAP

Mary Atkins of Cartersville, Ga., lost an easy-to-make Crusty Coconut Pie recipe she thought we'd published here before. We couldn't find it in the files, but readers shared lots of ideas: some a standard filling in a pastry shell; others that make their own crust by adding flour or biscuit mix to the filling ingredients. We like this one, because it has no crust and just five ingredients — a rare, easy-as-pie spring treat.

DESSERT

Crusty Coconut Pie
Makes 8 servings Preparation time: 5 minutes Cooking time: 30 minutes

1 1/2 cups flaked coconut

1/2 cup milk
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
3 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Place coconut in a large bowl. Add milk and let sit about 5 minutes. Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, beat sugar and eggs together.

Add vanilla and mix well. Add coconut to the egg mixture. Pour into 9-inch pie plate and bake 30 minutes.

Per serving: 235 calories (percent of calories from fat, 28), 3 grams protein, 41 grams carbohydrates, 1 gram fiber, 7 grams fat, 72 milligrams cholesterol, 31 milligrams sodium.

Send your questions and Recipe Swap requests or replies to Food Goddess, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Food Department, 72 Marietta St. N.W., Atlanta, GA 30303 or to foodgoddess(at)ajc.com. (Because of volume, it is not possible — even for a goddess — to respond to all inquiries.)

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Low-fat cooking: Creamy Chicken and Mushrooms

■ Roasted Asparagus on the side, and Ice Cream with Praline Sauce for dessert

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Here's a stylish dinner menu to serve four.

The main dish is Creamy Chicken and Mushrooms, which sounds rich and does indeed taste great, but fits in the low-fat category because it has less than 7 grams of fat per serving.

Make roasted asparagus to serve with the chicken; prepare ice cream with praline sauce for dessert and — hold your breath — you can have it all ready in 30 minutes or less.

The menu and recipes by Tamar Haspel are featured in "Cooking Light" magazine's April issue, along with a game plan to streamline the cook's progress.

Creamy Chicken and Mushrooms

(Total preparation and cooking time 25 minutes)

2 cups uncooked medium egg noodles

Cooking spray

1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast, cut into bite-size pieces

1 teaspoon olive oil

½ cup chopped shallots

8-ounce package presliced mushrooms

½ cup dry white wine

1 cup fat-free milk

2 teaspoons all-purpose flour

1/3 cup (3 ounces) spreadable cheese with garlic and herbs

2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

¼ teaspoon black pepper

Chopped fresh parsley (optional)

Cook pasta according to package directions, omitting salt and fat.

While pasta cooks, heat a large nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray over medium-high heat.

Add chicken, saute 4 minutes, or

Make roasted asparagus to serve with the chicken; prepare ice cream with praline sauce for dessert and — hold your breath — you can have it all ready in 30 minutes or less.

until done. Remove chicken from pan; set aside.

Heat oil in pan over medium-high heat. Add shallots; saute 1 minute. Add mushrooms; saute 4 minutes. Add wine, and cook for 3 minutes, or until liquid almost evaporates.

Combine milk and flour in a small bowl; stir well with a whisk. Add milk mixture to pan; cook 3 minutes or until slightly thick. Add chicken, cheese, 2 tablespoons parsley, and pepper; reduce heat, and simmer for 3 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Serve over pasta; sprinkle with parsley, if desired.

Makes 4 servings (serving size ¾ cup chicken mixture and ¾ cup pasta).

Nutrition information per serving: 338 cal. (18 percent from fat), 6.9 g fat (2.5 g saturated fat), 37.1 g pro., 31.3 g carbo., 2.9 g fiber, 101 mg chol., 241 mg sodium.

Roasted Asparagus

1 pound trimmed asparagus

1 tablespoon olive oil

¼ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon black pepper

Preheat oven to 400 F. Toss asparagus with oil, salt and pepper; bake for 5 minutes.

Ice Cream With Praline Sauce

½ cup fat-free caramel sauce

2 tablespoons chopped, toasted pecans

Low-fat chocolate ice cream

Combine caramel sauce and pecans; serve over ice cream.

Game Plan

Prepare ingredients while water for egg noodles comes to a boil.

- Cut chicken into bite-size pieces.
- Chop shallots and parsley.
- Wash and trim asparagus.
- Chop and toast pecans.
- Roast asparagus in oven while chicken cooks.
- Prepare praline sauce.
- Remove ice cream from freezer just before serving meal.



CREAMY CHICKEN MUSHROOM sounds rich and does indeed taste great, but fits in the low-fat category with under 7 grams of fat per serving. The recipe by Tamar Haspel is featured in Cooking Light magazine's April issue.

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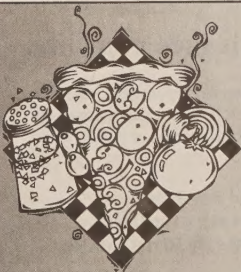
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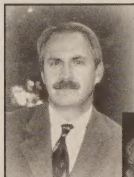
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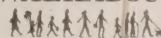


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